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Tories cheer Chancellor who refuses 'to accept short-term popularity' on tax and EMU

Plain-talking Clarke routs his critics

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE came in from the cold yesterday with a barnstorming Tory conference performance that vanquished his foes on the Right and strengthened his authority as

The Conservative Party underlined its yearning for unity by giving Mr Clarke the warmest ovation of the week was a growing "feel-good" factor in Britain that would help them win the election.

It was the clearest possible message to Mr Clarke's critics on the back benches that the party wants them to lay off him and spectacularly crased the fears of the leadership as the week began that Mr Clarke might face trouble from activists because of his uncompromising views on tax and the single currency.

As the applause for Mr Clarke rang round the Bournemouth centre John Major joined the Chancellor and they faced the audience together, arms aloft.

graphic symbol of the closeness between Mr Major and Mr Clarke and to kill any suggestions that the Chancellor could be ditched before the election. Mr Major is known to have been exasperated by some of Mr Clarke's recent putspoken comments on mon-Cary union but he has told friends that to lose him would be unthinkable.

Michael Heseltine was swift to capitalise on the palpable desire for loyalty with a fierce warning to dissidents that



lar now but it won't necessarily be in a few months"

they would earn the party's

"utter contempt" if they handed power to Labour. Mr Heseltine became the first senior minister this week directly to confront the threat from Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party. He asked Sir James what he thought he candidates where it would hurt the Conservatives most. What will Britain gain? Do you really want Labour to win? Have you counted the

cost?" he demanded. Mr Clarke's triumph was all the more marked because a key component of the speech was a warning against expecting giveaway tax cuts in the Budget. He also managed to win cheers for the wait-andsee policy on the single currency, a stance which most Conservatives believe cannot

be changed because of Mr Clarke's opposition.

His reception contrasted with the less enthusiastic ovation given to Michael Portillo. one of the regular conference darlings, after a speech in which he, too, for unity, unity, unity."

The Chancellor appeared to have won over the conference both by his plain-speaking and because it felt he had shown them a way to win. From the start it appeared that the rank and file wanted to back him and he broke the ice when in a clear reference to his deliant pro-European stance he said: "I do not think I can ever be accused of aiming for short-term popularity."

Mr Clarke did not rule out tax cuts, and most Conservative MPs believe he will trim a penny off income tax in next month's Budget. But his speech was a rebuff to rightwingers such as John Redwood who have been call-

ing for much bigger cuts. His theme was that if the would achieve a 20p basic rate. He said: "Affordable tax cuts are good for the economy. Unaffordable tax cuts can only damage the economy."

Tory strategists were delighted. Their twin dreads as the week started was that the fringe of the conference would Continued on page 2, col 5

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Major to promise £5bn boost for NHS

reinforce his commitment to the health service with a "guarantee" of E5 billion in increased spending over five years if the Conservatives win the election.

He is to lift the veil on the Conservative election manifesto by revealing that the document will contain a pledge to achieve growth in real terms in National Health Service spending throughout the next Conservative Government. The Prime Minister's move is designed to put Labour on the colleagues to make spending commitments.

Mr Major will also use his keynote speech at the end of what is seen as a successful Tory conference to herald the introduction of a 21st-century version of the old-style cottage

He will announce the immediate introduction of new laws to allow health trusts to emplay GPs directly in order to help the NHS to tackle the chronic problem of poor standards in general practice in their own practices, which would ease the load on hard-

pressed hospitals. Mr Major will emphasise his personal commitment to the health service by saying that "in this country, when you are ill, they take your temperature. In other countries they take your credit cards. While I am in Downing

> The Prime Minister will describe the new plans as an example of the continuing

Street, that will never happen

to the health service". Mr Major will also put his

stamp on the conference theme of "opportunity for all", claiming that the Tories will continue to offer five opportunities — to be safe, to get a job. to have more choice in education, to have free health care and to become better off.

The promise to increase real-term spending on health was also made at the last election, since when it has gone up by £4.8 billion to the present total health budget of

spot, since Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, has for- will also allow GPs to carry and will refer to Britain's indicate that he wants a simitives' next term.

The Prime Minister's undertakings on spending come in spite of a warning yesterday from William Waldegrave, the Treasury Chief Secretary, that the current expenditure discussions between ministers are proving difficult. In a speech at Bournemouth, Mr Waldegrave emphasised the Government's target of eventually reducing the state's share of total spending to below 40 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP).

Teenagers make plea for peace

Five Northern Ireland teenagers - four Protestants and one Roman Catholic - have urged the IRA to abandon its terrorist campaign.

The students from Lisburn, Co Antrim, joined together after their school's grounds were showered with shrapnel from Monday's Army base

United attracts takeover bids

Manchester United is being lined up as the subject of a takeover bid. The club has already rejected an approach by Michael Grade, chief executive of Channel Four, who is also chairman of a a video distribution company. Whithread and Granada are believed to be expressing _ Page 48

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Former minister found slumped in street after party

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tory MP Sir Nicholas Scott, 63, was found by police lying face down on the pavement in a confused state yards from John Major's Conservative Party conference hotel.

The former Northern Ireland Minister, who was convicted of drink-driving in March, was unsure of where he was when discovered at lipm on Wednesday, police sources said. He had been at an Irish Enihassy party. The incident came 24 hours

after Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, had told the conference police would be given powers to confiscate alcohol from drunken teenagers. A Tory party spokeswoman attempted to play down the incident last night. saying: "He was not arrested He was taken home to his hotel in a police car."

Sir Nicholas was found slumped in Tregonwell Road on the way to his E50-a-night Prouville Hotel. He refused to discuss the matter yesterday. I will talk to the police. I will not talk to you," he said. Dorset Police, in a statement last night, said: "We can confirm that a man was driven by Dorset Police back to his hotel late on Wednesday night after being found in Tre-gonwell Road, Bournemouth." Tory party officials were

dismayed by the incident "It's



has been selected to light the

new constituency of Kensing-

ton and Chelsea at the next

election, was at his party's conference yesterday but he kept a low profile. in March Sir Nicholas was banned from driving for a year and ordered to pay £900. for drink-driving and failing to stop after an accident in Chelsea the previous June. The MPs car had shunted another vehicle and a boy

aged three was trapped in his crushed oushchair. Horseferry Road court was told that Sir Nicholas had left the scene without knowing whether the child was hurt.



Sir Nicholas: taken to hotel by police

Investors cautioned over bank on Internet

By ROBERT MILLER

THE Bank of England has issued a blunt warning to UK investors to "think carefully" before handing over their money to an offshore bank that is advertising for depositors on the Internet.

European Union Bank (EUB) is a tiny institution backed by American investors and based in Antigua. Until last month it was chaired by Lord Mancroft, 39, an Old Etonian. Lord Mancroft, who confirmed that he had met Michael Foot, the Bank's director of supervision, yesterday about EUB, said: "1 understand their concerns." He added that his contract as chairman of EUB had expired last month.

The sharp warning to UK investors from one of the Bank's most senior directors reflects the concerns of City watchdogs about the possible proliferation of financial services being offered on the Internet and which fall outside their regulatory scope. If any such firm failed investors would not be covered by the UK compensation schemes. The Bank said of EUB: This bank is not authorised in the UK and has not sought authorisation. As with other offshore deposits we would advise intending depositors to

carry out appropriate due

Church attack on **BBC's anti-gay** Thought for Day

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church of England accused the BBC last night of a serious error of judgment in transmitting a Thought for the Day yesterday in which an evangelical Christian con-demned the Church's stance on homosexuality.

Ann Atkins, a vicar's wife and mother of four, said on the Radio 4 programme that on the issue of homosexuality the Church was failing to sound the trumpet for biblical morality. "If the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who should prepare himself for the battle?" she asked.

But in an unprecedented complaint to the Rev Ernest Rea, head of religious programmes, and to Roger Mosey, editor of Today, during which Thought for the Day is broadcast, the Church demanded an apology for a piece it said was "preposterous" and factually inaccurate. The Church of England's stance on homosexuality is officially one of tolerance of lay homosex-uals in committed relationships; homosexual clergy are

expected to live as celibates. Mrs Atkins specifically criticised a controversial celebra-tion planned at Southwark Cathedral in London next month to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Move-ment. She said there was "a

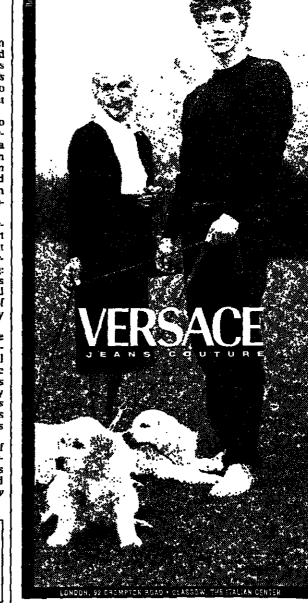
world of difference between homosexual orientation and practice". It was the Church's duty to love everyone, "but it's also the Church's duty to condenin sin and it's this that we're failing to do."

She predicted: "Soon, no doubt, we'll have an adulterer's Christian fellowship, a sex-before-marriage Christian fellowship — I see no reason why the list should ever end unless and until the Church comes back to God's standards of morality."

She said she was not surprised by the church report which disclosed this week that numbers entering the ordained ministry were falling: "In an age in which bishops are supporting a cathedral event celebrating 20 years of gay sex we should hardly expect anything else."

The Rev Eric Shegog, the Church's director of communications, said the BBC was ill advised to have broadcast the piece, which he said was factually inaccurate. "To say that a decline in vocations is attributable to the Church's position on homosexuality is

preposterous," he added. The Rev Richard Kirker, of the Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement, said Mrs Atkins's contribution had brought Thought for the Day



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Houdini of Love witnesses Chancellor's escape

MATTHEW PARRIS

he Chancellor faced what may have been an historic challenge yes-terday. On the success of his speech rode the hopes of his wing of the party. Had this conference sent Kenneth Clarke packing, we would have said the Tory Centre Left was finished for some time.

After the speech, it becomes possible to believe it has only just started. For once, he made an effort and, frankly, walked it. If a man can receive a stomping ovation for promising not to cut taxes, how might he be received when he cuts

This was quite a good speech, very well delivered. rapturously received. If in a decade we reread the texts of

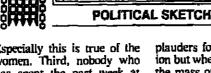
1996, we will cringe at Tony Blair's, wince at Michael Howard's and respect Clarke's, but wonder what made it seem quite such a sensation.

There were three ingredi-

ents to his success. Tories had been told by the media that they were depressed and would shortly demonstrate this by booing their Chancellor. Representatives were damned if they were going to oblige. Second, the apparent ideological savagery of the Tory rank and file is often just saloon-bar talk. On matters of substance, particularly the economy and Europe, ordi-

nary Conservatives are more

cautious than they sound.



Especially this is true of the women. Third, nobody who has spent the past week at Bournemouth can have failed to notice the craving from the conference floor for unity.

Hit this button, as speaker after speaker has found, and you are engulfed in passionate applause. John Major is popular with representatives. Toward MPs who rock the boat (even when they sympathise with their views) representatives feel something little short of rage. You can pack a fringe meeting with a hundred ap-

plauders for any fringe opin-ion but when scattered among the mass of conference-goers. they feel the weight of groupdisapproval and pipe down. warmth ever before.

But the conventional wisdom - that professional Tory politicians are sagacious and responsible while the Tory masses are some kind of unstable, Gadarene mob to be kept in check — has been turned on its head. This week Bournemouth it is the Conservative rank and file which has scented danger and called their swinish MPs to

order. It seems to me that Kenneth Clarke sensed this more clearly and earlier than many and played on it to great effect yesterday. Of course he was also banging his own drum, but he made it sound like nothing but the drumbeat of unity and had the troops cheering him with more

I watched Steven Norris, watching him. Mr Norris was suspended in a tiny TV studio hung from the wall: the third commentator to spend a day interpreting for BBC viewers. On Tuesday it was David Mellor: a sideshow of his own beneath the television lights. Perspiring, teeth glinting through the thick soundproof-

ing glass, mouth opening and

closing, goldfish-like, without sound, Mr Mellor resembled a show-trial serial killer in a maximum-security glass box. Representatives craned their necks up in horror and fascination.

Wednesday brought Edwina Currie, in sequinned electric blue such as might be worn by the lady the conjuror saws in half. An illuminated exhibit floating in space, she stole the show like minor royalty in an opera box.

And, for yesterday's freak show, Steven Norris. Roll up! The Houdini of Love, exhibited in a box. Norris was there to explain the conference to the world. But the world stared back, more interested in the

EWEN SHEWS HERE Porn channel to defy ban by Bottomley

4 pornographic satellite channel banned by Virginia Bottomley yesterday will continue to beam hardcore sex films to Britain. Roger Kinsbourg, president of Rendezvous. said that subscribers will still be served by the channel from its base near Paris and hinted at ways to evade the ban on the sale of its smart cards in Britain.

The 8,000 customers will carry on receiving the link until their cards expire. Then there is nothing to stop them telephoning a satellite dealer across the Channel and buying a new one by credit card. New customers would need only a modicum of technical knowledge to buy a suitable decoder

and motorised satellite dish.

Mr Kinsbourg, who claimed the Heritage Secretary's ban was an attack on personal freedom, said: "People who want this type of service will find a way to get it." The action would not put him out of business.

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Church Army appeal

The Church Army has asked all of its 50 clergy to resign to clarify the position of the laity. The move has devastated officers who have given years of service to the army, which was founded in the last century to improve links between the Church and the working classes. Many take great pride in their commissioned status, a mark of their willingess to devote themselves to the poor and needy for little financial reward. Army authorities believe confusion has arisen because a priest's ministry is seen as mainly pastoral, while a lay worker in the army is primarily an evangelist.

Tory admits fraud plan

A Tory parliamentary candidate mass-produced lake till receipts from Marks & Spencer in a bizarre attempt to get even with the High Street chain after a planning row, a court was told. John Evans, 45. who had been selected as candidate for Sherwood, Nottingham, planned to swap the receipts for goods. Reading Crown Court was told that Evans, the former leader of Hastings council, blamed M&S for shops being built on the proposed site of a cricket ground. Evans, who withdrew his candidancy after he was charged, was given a six-month suspended sentence.

Jewish donor appeal

A fertility clinic is appealing for Jewish women to donate eggs in an attempt to help childless couples to conceive without having to sacrifice their cultural identity. The appeal by the Queen's Medical Centre. Nottingham, has been welcomed by infertile Jewish women but has reopened a dispute about whether egg donation contravenes religious law. According to today's Jewish Chronicle, the anonymity of donors has raised concerns among rabbis that a child conceived in this way might unknowingly commit incest in ater life. The Jewish community numbers only 330,000.

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Dunblane fund theft

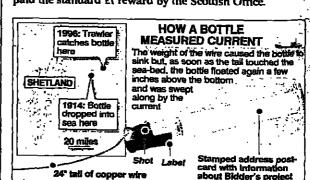
Patrick Southgate, 49, a former pub landlord from Poplar. east London, was remanded in custody pending sentence by Southwark Crown Court yesterday after being found guilty of stealing £600 he helped to raise for Dunblane victims and their families. He also stole £1,400 bar takings. Southgate went on the run to Spain, but gave himself up to police 11 days later after the thefts received wide media coverage. While admitting a charge of stealing the pub cash. I8-stone Southgate denied one accusing him of taking the appeal fund money. He will be sentenced on November 1.

Brief guide to security

The Townswomen's Guild has developed a new weapon in the fight against crime: Y-fronts. In a campaign highlighting women's personal safety, the movement advises single women to hang a pair of Y-fronts on the washing line to deter any threat from would-be attackers. The advice, contained in a booklet which will be available to all 80,000 members, also urges women to ask male friends to record their answerphone messages, avoid sunbathing topless in certain countries and refuse to stay in hotels where there is a connecting door between bedrooms.

Time and tide wait

A message in a bottle thrown into the sea more than 80 years ago has set a world record for the longest time between sender and finder. John Forman, 40, a fisherman from Peterhead. Aberdeenshire, spotted the bottle among his catch about 35 miles east of the Shetland Islands. The "message" was a pre-paid postcard from government scientists. The bottle had been thrown overboard at 3am on April 21, 1914, as part of an experiment to measure seabed tidal currents. It had travelled five miles. Mr Forman was paid the standard El reward by the Scottish Office.



'Bombs do not ask questions, they silence them — do not be silenced'

Pupils plead with IRA to abandon campaign

By NICHOLAS WATT, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

Northern Ireland's sectarian divide have issued a public plea for peace and urged the IRA to abandon its campaign. The A-level students - four

Protestants and one Roman Catholic - at Wallace High School, in Lisburn, Co Antrim, joined together after the school's grounds were showered with shrapnel from Monday's double car bomb attack at the neighbouring Army barracks. The five pupils, who collected the shrapnel after the attack, decided to take a public stand and composed a statement pleading for a return to the peace process. Peace campaigners said the youngsters' appeal provided one of the few

signs of hope. Sandra Holmes, 17, who is studying for three science A levels and who hopes to become a doctor, said after helping to draft the statement: We just wanted people to hear what has been the unheard voice of the younger generation in this country. The generation that is growing up know nothing but conflict before the ceasefire. We don't want future generations to grow up with that

acceptance of terrorism." The teenagers, who were holding a debate at the time of the attack, described the bombs as a "blast from the

FIVE teenagers from across past". They wrote: "The unanimous reaction of those present was one of shock and disbelief as our hopes of a secure future were shattered. What now? We have been described as 'tomorrow's generation'. But by tomorrow our thirst for peace could be sacrificed by the relentless pursuit of polifical ends by a violent minority

in our community. We grew up in a society where conflict was accepted as the norm. Had it not been for the recent ceasefire which helped us to realise what normality should be like, we may have continued to accept violence as an everyday way of life in Northern Ireland."

The pupils, whose school motto is Esperance, asked what they could hope for. They Bombs do not discriminate. The pupils on the playing fields were of all creeds and colours. Bombs do not ask questions. They silence them. If you feel as we do. do not be silenced, stand up and be counted."

The pupils said that they did not believe they were brave to go public. Stacey Wray, 16, said: "If you believe in something strongly enough, you should be prepared to stand up for your convictions. I had no qualms about putting my name to the statement."

Karl Byrne, 16, another



Stacey Wray, left, and other pupils with shrapnel found on the school fields after the attack on army barracks

signatory who is also studying for three science A levels, said Adams attacks Bruton for it was important to act quick-"We cannot give in to this 'politics of the soundbite' kind of terrorism because if we are not careful the barriers could come down again." The statement was also signed by By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT Sinnead Sellers and Sandra

The statement was praised by Women Together for Peace, night between the Irish prime . minister and Gerry Adams, who will hold a rally for peace the Sinn Fein president, foloutside Belfast City Hall tolowing John Bruton's comday. Eileen Bell, one of the ments comparing the IRA rally's organisers, said they

with the Nazis. Mr Adams said many would resent Mr Bruton's use must include defending the of the term. Mr Bruton compared the IRA to Nazis in a speech to the Irish parliament on Wednesday, during which he condemned the IRA for its attack on the British Army base in Lisburn. Last night Mr Adams said it

said it would be easy for him

A WAR of words broke out last to slip into similar namecalling, "but such an approach would be deeply unhelpful at this dangerous time".

He said Mr Bruton had a responsibility to take the lead in creating a viable political alternative to conflict: "This rights of nationalists in the north. But it also means standing up to the British Government and promoting the Irish national interest "

"knee jerk" response to Mr Bruton's remarks. He said there was a need to avoid "the

He said Mr Bruton knew republicans were committed to peace. He added that it was a matter of record that "every

politics of the easy soundbite". ☐ Sinn Fein was still welcome at the Northern Ireland peace talks - provided a "credible ceasefire" was restored, Northern Ireland Secretary Sir Patrick Mayhew said yesterday. Sir Patrick said he wanted Sinn Fein to join the talks, which he said were making progress.

commitment which I and Sinn

Fein made, we kept".

Mr Adams said he would

resist the temptation of a

Casual worker wins right to sick pay

Harte, both 16.

had her unreserved support

against the people of violence.

☐ The RUC vesterday

arrested a man in his 30s in

West Belfast in connection

with the attack, it was not

clear whether the man

arrested was connected with a

photofit issued by the police of

a suspect who bought a car

used as the getaway vehicle.

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

A CARE worker won an important victory for casual employees when the Court of Appeal ruled yesterday that she was entitled to statutory sick pay. Employment lawyers predicted that larger employers and the Department of Social Security would face huge bills as thousands of workers in industries such as catering and retail gained the right to £56-a-week benefit for up to six months.

Sally Brown, 45, worked with the mentally ill for nine months until she injured her neck in 1992. Her employer. the Granta Housing Society, refused to give her statutory sick pay, arguing that she had been employed on a daily contract for four or five days a week.

Its decision was upheld by an independent adjudicator at the Department of Social Security but her case was

taken up by the Child Poverty Action Group.Cherie Booth. QC. in written argument to the court, stated: "If liability to pay statutory sick pay could be avoided in circumstances such as these Parliament's intentions will have been

Lord Justice Nourse said that because Mrs Brown, from Cambridge, had continuity of employment for more than three months, her contract had become indefinite under the Employment Protection Act. Her claim for £1,200 sick pay. covering almost six months, will return to the Social Security Appeals Tribunal with a direction to reconsider.

David Thomas, legal officer for the Child Poverty Action Group, said: "Sally was to all intents and purposes a permanent employee and the court has confirmed that her employers should not be able to escape their obligations simply by using the device of a series of daily

contracts." Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of Unison, said: "This is a breakthrough and has important implications for casual, low-paid workers who have been excluded from this basic entitlement. William Garnett, head of the employ-

ment division of the solicitors Bates Wells & Braithwaite, said: "It has serious consequences." Small firms can reclaim most of their

bill for statutory sick pay from the Department of Social Security but bigger companies usually have to find the money themselves. David Cockburn. chairman of the Employment Lawyers' Association, said: "The courts are being vigilant to stop employers being able to evade their responsibilities by a clever form of words." Mrs Brown said: "I am pleased that I

have been able to set a precedent for other people in my position."

Clarke routs critics

explode with a string of disloyspeeches and that Mr Clarke would take a hammering. Mr Clarke's success in turning the tables was more than they dared to expect. His apparent confidence

about the election succeeded where others had failed in rousing a conference which had a pessimistic air. He said: "My Budget will not just he set with a few months in mind. We all have many years of Conservative government in mind. We are going to govern much longer than the next few months.

Mr Clarke argued that he had to create the climate for continued economic success. Repeating his argument that Tory voters would not be

Continued from page 1 duped by unsustainable tax de with a string of disloy-cuts, Mr Clarke said: "My Budget must create the climate for an honest election campaign in which we play fair and straight with the public — and win five more years." The speech was a reminder to Conservative MPs that Mr Clarke still regards himself as a contender

in a future leadership race. The key conference announcement was Gillian Shephard's plans to improve school discipline, parental choice and standards. Laws giving schools greater powers to discipline and expel unruly pupils were promised by the Education Secretary.

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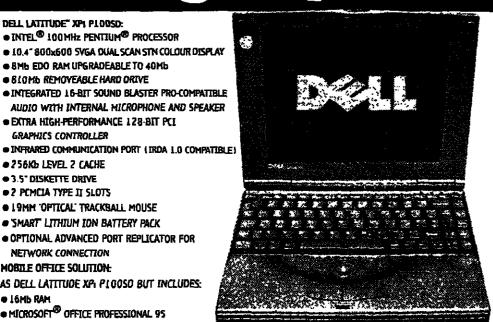
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Christmas kiss led to sex with French student, driver says

A LORRY driver yesterday claimed a young French stutient flirted with him and hours of accepting a lift.

Stuart Morgan, 37, said he started laughing and joking with Celine Figard soon after she got into the cab. He had picked her up at Chieveley services in Berkshire on December 19 last year.

Mr Morgan, of Poole, Dorset, denies murdering Mile Figard and dumping her body behind a hedge after keeping it in the lorry cab for nearly ten days. He told a jury at Norcester Crown Court that he had agreed to give Mile Figard, 19, a lift to Southampton after she told him she was travelling to spend Christmas with her cousin at a hotel in Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Within minutes, he said. they began exchanging per-onal details. We were laughin general. I have the character to flirt happily and playfully with women and we were flirting together.

"I was taking the mickey out of some of the words she was using and laughing over her. Because I couldn't hear her, she was leaning over the central console, touching my

He said Mlle Figard told him of substances she had smoked. "We just carried on



Mile Figard: she agreed

After driving for less than an hour, he said he stopped at a lay-by to fix the lights on his trailer and decided to put on his kettle to make a cup of fea which he told her would cost "a kiss for Christmas". She complied and "it carried on from there" he said. "I removed my underclothes and undressed herself. She took off all her clothes except for her brassière.

"There was a considerable amount of foreplay and mess-ing around and then we had sexual intercourse. The whole thing lasted for an hour or an hour and a quarter."

Mr Morgan, who admitted having sex with other women in his cab, denied using any force against Mlle Figard. He said that he dropped her off in Southampton. "We kissed and

drove in a stolen van to the

small square where his victim

lived and parked ten yards

from Mr Brindle's car. He

removed the van's wing mir-

ror, opened the driver's win-

dow and then hid in the back

behind a makeshift curtain,

said Mr Sweeney, giving him-

with a Browning semi-auto-

matic pistol and a Magnum.

police were also watching,

having learnt of the plot from

Irish colleagues. They hoped

to wait until Mr Boyle showed

cording to plan and Mr Boyle

opened fire from inside the

van, hitting Mr Brindle in the

elbow, chest and thighs. He

staggered back to his house with Mr Boyle in pursuit, Mr

The officers got out of their gas van and challenged Mr

Boyle but he did not stop and they fired from rifles. He was

hit in the elbow, chest, shoul-

der blades and left heel.

Sweeney said.

But events did not go ac-

his hand, then intervene.

But, as Mr Boyle lay in wait

self a field of fire.

He claimed that a spade, an axe and hacksaw blades he bought in Bude, Cornwall, hree days later were to dig him out of snow, for repairs, and for tree-cutting. They were not to be used, he said, to

body before burying it. He claimed he had altered the tachograph because he was frightened, "I didn't want my wife to find out I was having sex with other women and reports in the press were making things even more horrendous. I am only human and I panicked, I knew I hadn't caused any offence and I was petrified,"

dismember Mile Figard's

Mr Morgan told the jury he had shaved off the beard he had when he picked up Mlke Figard because he had accidentally singed part of it on Christmas Day while flicking a cigarette lighter. He said that blood on a mattress from his cab had come from another driver and underweur found after the body was dumped did not resemble that

worn by Mile Figard.

Mr Morgan told the jury he had bought two bottles of a rare champagne not sold in Britain and of the type known to have been carried by Mile Figard from a lorry driver and had arranged for them to be given as Christmas presents to two women garage workers. The case continues.



Mike Cordy, debut novelist whose work has been compared to Michael Crichton's

Writer creates £1m Miracle with first book

£70,000-a-year job as a marketing executive to become a writer is on the way to becoming a millionaire before selling one copy of his first

At the Frankfurt Book Fair last week, The Miracle Strain by Michael Cordy, 35, was sold to the British publisher Bantam Press for £150,000. Sales from continental houses have already reached £170,000. Bidding has begun for the American rights and is

expected to top \$1 million.
The Miracle Strain is a satire set in the near future. said to be similar to Michael Crichton's techno-thrillers. It concerns a bio-technologist who invents a "genescope", an instrument that decodes the genetic software of man. He survives an assassination attempt by a millennial cult that believes Carter is a demonic figure asserting the supremacy of science over religion. Hollywood studios are vying for the film rights.

The Miracle Strain was discovered by the literary agent Patrick Walsh, who looked at it only as a favour to a friend. It arrived on his desk in early September just as he was about to go on holiday to Corsica: "I really didn't want to read the book. We get stacks of unsolicited manuscripts. Nevertheless, I put it in my bag and began reading it on the beach. I couldn't believe how good it was: I instantly

A MAN who gave up his regretted being on holiday. I was terrified that another agent would get hold of it." contacts in the book business. had not sent it elsewhere. A former marketing executive in the drinks industry, he had only begun writing fiction two years ago. He rose most days at 6am to work on his novel, but because of the constraints of his job quickly became exhausted. In the end, supported by his wife, Jenny, who also works in marketing, he resigned in October 1994 to

devote himself to writing. "It was a terrifying gamble," Mr Cordy said yesterday. When I told my boss that I was leaving he said, 'I can't argue with that; it's a bit like wanting to become a priest." Although I did an English degree at Leicester University, I had no idea that I would succeed as a writer. There were times when my wife and I sat down and wondered what the hell we had done. especially as we had put having children on hold and much of what I produced in the first nine months of writing was rubbish."

Other debutants whose books were recently discovered by agents include Nicholas Evans, whose The Horse Whisperer earned £3 million in rights sales, and the former banker Michael Ridpath. whose Free to Trade became a bestseller after being taken up by Blake Friedmann.

Police watched 'as hitman fired at his victim'

By Adrian Lee

POLICE marksmen disguised as gas workers shot a contract killer moments after he fired three bullets into his intended victim. a court was told yesterday. Michael Boyle, the hitman, and Anthony Brindle. his victim, were part of a gangland feud involving criminals in Dublin, Northern Ireland and London, it was alleged. There had already been several deaths.

The two officers, hidden in British Gas van at Rotherhithe, southeast London, had watched as Mr Boyle fired three times and then chased his injured victim. intent on finishing him off". agel Sweeney, for the prosecution, told the Old Bailey. Fearing for Mr Brindle's life. and their own, the policemen fired 14 times at Mr Boyle. Both men survived. Mr Boyle. 48. from Dublin, denies attempting to murder Mr Brindle, 34, in September 1995, and possessing two handguns.

It was alleged that Mr Boyle, disguised in a wig,



Brindle: said to be part of bloody gangland feud

Cricketer shaken by holiday shootings

GRAEME HICK, the England cricketer, and his family cut short a holiday in Marbella after a couple in a neighbouring villa were shot dead in a gangland killing. Mr Hick, 30, who bats for

Worcestershire, and his wife Jackie. 33, were returning from dining out to celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary when they heard screams and shots.

The couple's first thought was for their children Jordan, l, and Lauren, 4, who were being looked after by the family nanny. Stephen Evans, Mr Hick's father-in-law, said: They didn't move, they staved inside and kept the doors locked. Although they didn't see anything, they were very frightened." The couple, who were halfway through their two-week holiday, decided to return home to Worcester immediately. Mr Evans said that his daughter was still upset by the shooting. She is home and sale but very cut up about what happened and quite shaken.

The court was told that Mr Boyle had been a police in-According to Spanish newspaper reports, a 45-year-old former in Ireland, using the alias Pious O'Callaghan. He Frenchman was shot 20 times told police that Peter Daly, the and his 37-year-old wife was friend of a well-known Dublin killed by a single blast. Their criminal, George Mitchell, 20-year-old daughter escaped through a bedroom window. was having trouble with the while another man was taken Brindle family. It was proto hospital with gunshot posed to send people to London to deal with the

The killings were the latest Patrick and George Brindle. in a series of violent incidents in the Las Lomas area of Marbella. Within the past brothers of Anthony, had been selected as other likely targets. Boyle said the Brindle family month two other people, inhad a gang from Northern cluding a policeman, have Ireland on their side in the been shot dead and another feud. The trial continues.

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Just when you thought it was safe to swim in Oxfordshire

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE beast may not have been quite as voracious as Jaws, but it knew what it fancied when it saw Stephen Rees splash past. The monster pike's cold. prehistoric eyes flickered for only a moment before it launched itself at the unfortunate swimmer like a torpedo out of a tube.

The razor-sharp teeth of the most fearsome of freshwater fish sank into Mr Rees's arm. There was a short struggle between man and leviathan before the 20lb, 4ft creature thought better of trying to drag its victim to the bottom of the River Cherwell. Even so, the attack left the 31-yearold plumber from North As-Oxfordshire, in need of

h Spital treatment. After having eight stitches inserted in his wounded limb, and a tetanus jab, Mr Rees said: "I couldn't believe it. I suddenly felt something on my arm and thought I'd

caught it on branches. When I looked down I saw this pike dart away. The blood was pouring from my arm and the water was going red."

Mr Rees, a father of two and an angler, has returned to the spot near Somerton with rod and line to exact his revenge, but has yet to get a bite. "I'm determined to catch

James Holgate, editor of Pike and Predator magazine, said: "It's quite rare for a pike to bite a human. They normal-



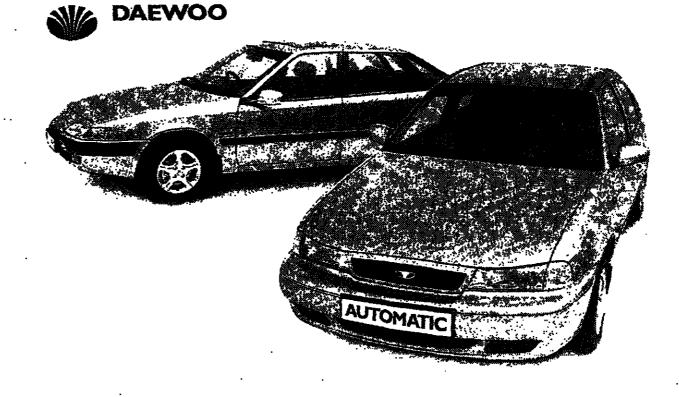
The pike: a fearsome freshwater predator

ly go for small fish and the casional duckling.

However, a pike recently grabbed a pet terrier paddling in a lake at Woking, Surrey, and dragged it under water before the dog managed to extricate itself. In Konakovo, Russia, an angler who landed a 10fb specimen tried to kiss it The fish sank its teeth into his nose and doctors had to prise it off, even after it had been

The largest pike caught in Britain was a 46lb 13oz specimen captured in 1992 at Llandegfedd Reservoir in South Wales. In Ireland, however, a 53lb monster was caught in Lough Conn in

The pike's ancestors can be traced back more than 20 million years. Fossils show that, like the shark, it has hardly changed - a case of Nature getting it right first

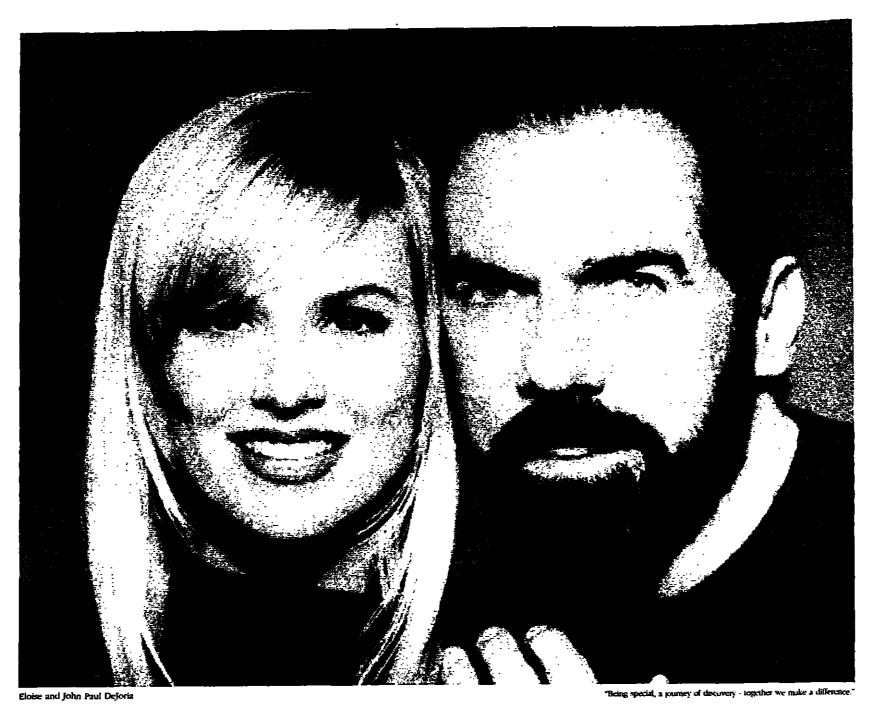


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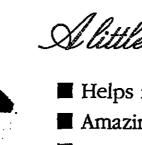
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Search for contacts after student, 18, dies from rabies

DOCTORS appealed yesterday for contacts of a student who died from rabies to come forward for vaccination. Nurses and known friends of the 18-year-old Nigerian have already been treated.

The man died in the tropical diseases unit of a London isolation hospital on Sunday night after being admitted with a high fever, spasms and an inability to swallow his saliva. He had been ill for three days before entering the accident and emergency department of Whittington Hospital. Highgate, north Londun, on Saturday night.

He was transferred to Coppetts Wood isolation hospital at Muswell Hill, north-London, on Sunday afternoon but died several hours later after suffering a spasm. It is thought that the student, who has not been named, contracted the virus after being bitten by an animal on a visit to Nigeria.

Ductors originally diag-

nosed malaria and considered rabies only after he died. After an urgent meeting on Tuesday, they started to trace doctors and relatives who had been in close contact with him. to offer immunisation and

Dr Michael Kelsey, a microbiology consultant at the Whittington hospital, said health chiefs had tracked down 23 people who may have been at risk of infection. "It was vital for us to trace all the people he was in contact with since he returned from Nigeria," he said. "They had been at risk because some of them had had contact with his

saliva." Dr Kelsey said the student had been suffering prior to his hospital admission. "He had been unwell, according to our records, for three days prior to his admission. He was agitated, he didn't want to swallow his own saliva and was unable to spit it out.

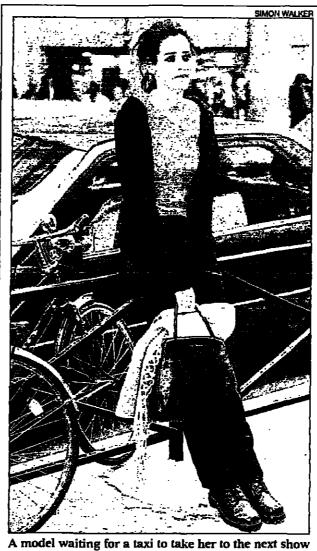
Rabies can kill within days

and we think he was in the final stages of the disease. He had malaria, we know that for a fact, because we diagnosed that on his admission."

A post-mortem examination was carried out yesterday and the results confirmed the diagnosis. The Health Department said that the risk of transmitting the virus through saliva

Dr Anthony Bryceson, a consultant physician at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, London, said: There are no records of rabies transmission within a hospital. The risk to staff is theoretical. However, rabies works so rapidly it is almost immediate. It is a virus that infects the immune system and will within a couple of days get to work attacking the system. It literally wipes out the brain." The last known rabies death

Britain, in 1988, was that of Scunthorpe engineer bitten by a dog while working in



Designers pick far-out venues

FROM GRACE BRADBERRY

FASHION designers are plunging Paris Fashion Week into chaos as they search for ever more atmospheric venues in which to hold their shows

Geographical dispersion is the main problem, with designers abandoning the Carrousel du Louvre, purpose-built for fashion shows. Yesterday a reluctant Christian Lacroix returned to the Louvre, explaining that he wanted to make life simpler for everyone", particularly photographers.

Among the highlights of his spring-summer collection were long "balloon" skirts in African-inspired prints and 18th-century style jackets in striped taffeta.

Rifat Ozbek, a former British Designer of the Year. held his show at the Moulin Rouge, while Martine Sitbon and Jean Paul Gaultier chose the Elysée Montmartre, another cabaret theatre. The most bizarre venue was the warehouse in an industri-al suburb used by the Belgian designer Dries Van Noten.

Plaque honours civilian victims of 20th century

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen unveiled a memorial at Westminster Abbey yesterday to the millions of civilians who have suffered and died from the inhumanity of the 20th century.

Victims of violence from around the world joined her as she and the Duke of Edinburgh laid a wreath of white flowers and sprigs of rose-mary: a 14-year-old Bosnian boy blinded and without hands, survivors of Auschwitz. Belsen and the Soviet gulags, bereaved Protestants and Roman Catholics from Northern Ireland, a Christian Palestinian refugee, a survivor of genocide in Rwanda, a South African oppressed by apartheid and a teacher from Dunblane primary school.

The new memorial was the dea of the Very Rev Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster. who is about to retire and who for several years has wanted a memorial to civilian victims as a counterpoint to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier inside the abbey's west door.

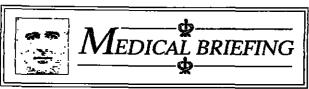
A five-foot circle of green Cumberland slate, the new

plaque was created by the Irish sculptor Ken Thompson and bears two simple inscriptions, *Remember all innocent victims of violence, oppression, war" is set in the middle: around the edge is a further text: "All you who pass by, is it

nothing to you." The stone has been set in the pavement immediately outside the abbey's west door but still within the railings. Its position is intended to allow people of all faiths to see it without having to enter a church. An alternative proposal to erect a statue depicting a fleeing mother and child was turned down by planning officials at Westminster City Council, who feared it might become a focus for protest.



The new memorial



Medical staff face risk of infection

he spit of a rabid animal carries the deadly virus that is transmitted to the next victim through a bite. The virus travels from the wound to the patient's central nervous system where it causes damage to the brain. inducing insanity, or to the spinal cord, bringing on paralysis.

Medical staff who have been dealing with the Nigerian patient who died from rabies will be offered prophylactic injections. These vaccinations are advisable not because the patient has bitten them — although crazed sufferers have been known to hite — but because the spit animal can infect others.

Infection occurs when the virus in the spit comes into contact with the mucus membrane — the eyes or lips for instance — or an open wound. There have even been cases when the disease has been read merely by inhalation.

A patient who develops rables is likely to have been infected one to two months earlier. But the incubation period is sometimes only a few days the medical staff who have been offered

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The disease can be divided into furious rabies, in which the dog, or other infected animal, becomes restless and savage, and dumb rables in which damage to the spinal cord is greater than to the brain, bringing on paralysis. When humans catch rabies

the first signs are usually inflammation, pain and irritation at the site of the bite, followed by flu-type symptoms including depression and irritability. The alternative name hydrophobia is water has on the patient it causes terror and agonising spasms in the muscles used for swallowing.

It is often said that death is inevitable in rabies but with modern intensive care lives can be saved. Treatment includes extensive and immediate wound cleaning followed by immunisation.

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Shephard pledges more discipline in schools

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GILLIAN SHEPHARD yesterday announced plans to tighten school discipline and improve parental choice in the run-up to the general election. New laws giving schools

greater powers to discipline At last week's Labour Party and suspend unruly pupils will feature prominently in a wide-ranging Education Bill.
Teachers will be allowed to
give pupils detention without seeking parental permission. while head teachers will be able to suspend pupils for up to 45 days and refuse places to children expelled from two Opinion polls suggest that public confidence in government education policy is slipping; ministers admit privately that policies allowing other schools.

greater parental power have weakened teachers' ability to discipline pupils.

Mrs Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said that measures to increase selection and assisted places would highlight clear

differences between the two

main parties and denounced

tion to selection. She said grant-maintained schools would be allowed to select 50 per cent of their pupils, specialist schools 30 per cent, and all schools 20 per cent, up from the current 15 per cent.

conference, Tony Blair underlined the importance of education as a campaign issue when he told delegates that the three most important policies were education education and education". He ridiculed Conservative plans to restore school discipline. They have had 17 years to do this, it is not much good just saying it a few months before an election. Labour has been putting forward proposals to deal with discipline for the last few

On the issue of assisted places at private schools, which Labour has promised to abolish, Mrs Shephard announced that the scheme would be extended to allow all preparatory schools to apply for assisted places help, rather than only those attached to secondary schools. The change, which she said would

add only a fraction to the current £117 million assisted places budget, is expected to benefit girls' preparatory schools in particular.

The Education Secretary emphasised the importance of education as an electoral issue. "This country and her children are too important to hand over to the confusion, the hypocrisy and the double standards which are the hallmarks of new Labour," she said. "That is why this coming election is so important. It is the task of Conservatives to make sure that the ambitions and aspirations of all Britain can be fulfilled."

She also confirmed that in December the Government will publish a White Paper setting out plans to strengthen qualifications for post-16 edu-cation, give pupils between 14 and 16 more opportunity to gain work experience and extend work-based training. In the debate earlier Eliza-

beth Smith, a teacher and prospective parliamentary

candidate for Edinburgh South, said it was essential to

scheme, which allowed 40,000 children from low-income families to share the opportunities on offer at some of Britain's best schools. Wearing her employment hat, Mrs Shephard an-

nounced that a pilot job training scheme is to be extended to all parts of Britain. The Project Work programme, aimed at the long-term unemployed. will be extended to cover up to 100,000 people aged between 18 and 50 who have been on the dole for over two years. The scheme offers 13 weeks of help in searching for jobs followed by 13 weeks of compulsory work experience. Refusal to attend results in loss of benefit. She told the conference that

early results from the two pilot schemes, covering up to 8,000 people on Humberside and in Kent, had been "impressive". She said the new schemes would be up and running as early as possible next year and would be allowed to deliver the whole project, not only the work experience aspect as at



IN BRIEF 'Defection'

proves a 3 damp squib

After days of rumour that the Tories had scored a coup with the defection of a Labour official, the truth proved something of an anticlimax. When Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, unveiled the "former aide to the Labour leadership", it emerged that he had never even been a member of the Labour Party. Marco Forgione, 26, had worked as a researcher for Keith Vaz, Lahour MP for Leicester East, for 18 months. The caterer, who is single and lives in Somersel joined Yeovil Conservatives a year ago.

Forsyth attack

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Michael Forsyth told a fringe meeting that nationalism was "patriotism gone to seed" and that separatists were the most extreme enemies of the Scottish Conservative party. The SNP was the "loose cannon" of Scottish politics and the most left-wing party in Europe.

Today's business Presentation of constituency awards; fundraising appeal by Lord Parkinson; the Prime

Literary Major makes a bid for

By ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

relative success

NORMA started it by writing a book about opera. Terry Major-Ball joined in with a with tome about gnomes and now his younger brother John is finally following in the family's literary footsteps.

In The Spectator yesterday

the Prime Minister published a diary he kept during the Tory conference, which confirms that Mr Major really is safe, cosy and wears Val Doonican jumpers.

The rare insight into Mr Major's week is full of anecdotes about Norma, girls and football. Written in a Pooterish style, he uses words such as wicked, exciting and fun and lots of exclamation marks. It makes Private Eye's Secret Diary look amateurish.

Mr Major admits that he first attended a conference aged 16% and got hooked on politics after Iain Macleod talked about "the nicer side of human nature".

the week wasn't the kiss and make-up with Baroness Thatcher or the applause as he finished his question and answer love-in but meeting the England soccer team. "Gazza", as Mr Major calls him, came in a checked suit which "you could play draughts on". But he had competition from Frank Bruno, who was "wearing a luminous blazer that put a

Caribbean sky to shame." He also "exclusively" reveals that his decision to miss dinner at last weekend's Euro Summit in Dublin was not a snub, as reported, but because he wanted to celebrate his 26th wedding anniversary with Norma. "So the Sunday press proclaimed it a snub! In fact, it was no such thing ... Given the choice between Norma or 15 men. Norma

won hands down," he writes. "Norma came with me on tour as she usually does. This year the press has invented 'Stormin' Norma, the Secret

Weapon! (No invention, this. It has been true for years And so Norma attracted morcameras than I did. This is the first time for years the media has got its visual priorities

He also makes it clear that far from discussing Eurosceptic "bastards" with his Foreign Secretary, Makolm Rifkind, they spend their time cracking jokes. During a dull moment at the summit in Dublin Mr Rifkind had reminded him that a Labour spokeswoman had promised more promiscuity under a Labour government" in my



getting old. I think. Good conference joke, though."

He also explains that he had to use all his negotiating skills to stop a Cabinet split in Bournemouth between three ministers over gags they use at conference. Two colleagues told him they were planning splendid jokes. "The problem was , it was the same joke" Mr Major says. "And I sat down and crossed out the same joke for Friday!"

Mrs Major yesterday said that she was proud of her husband's new literary talents but he had a long way to go before he caught up with her two books and his brother's column for a national

Simple answer on Christian theme

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

who prays "in all circum-stances" and has firm views on the moral qualities required of MPs.

The Prime Minister, in a collection of interviews with politicians by Roy McCloughry, director of the Kingdom Trust, says: "I don't pretend to understand all of the complex parts of Christian theology, but I simply accept it." Mr Major argues that faith "adds life, reason and context to a set of rules".

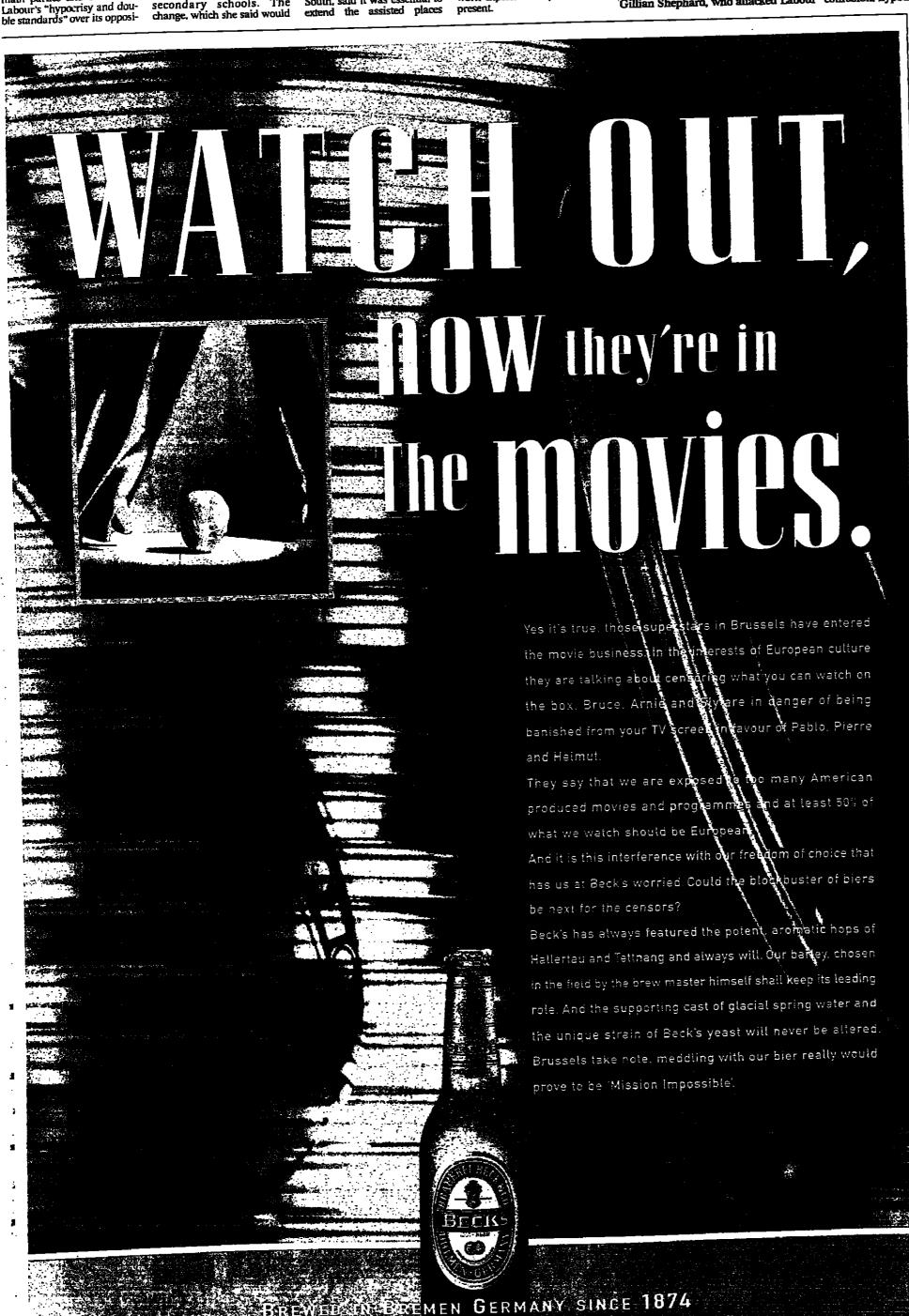
Mr Major draws a link between the decline in church attendance and a rise in social ills, although he rejects the suggestion that religious belief is on the decline. He says church leaders should address the "spiritual poverty" in society and calls for a greater partnership between Church

Mr Major describes how his moral commitments are drawn largely from his parents, "who instilled in me from an carly age a love of our

JOHN MAJOR is a Christian tween right and wrong and who prays in all circumthe responsibilities of the strong to care for the weak". He also criticises politicians who say one thing and do another" in their private life. "We all have our faults, but mistakes which involve a betrayal of trust are especially worrying," he says. Mr Major says his back to basics concept indicated that society had lost confidence in the permissive.

politically correct, value-free society" rooted in the 1960s. In the same book, published next week, Clare Short, Labour spokeswoman on overseas development, says that, although influenced by her Roman Catholic childhond. she is not a Christian. She says the Church irritates her and she has given up on it. political leaders whose book is sincere make Christianity fashionable, people would pretend to be Christians. Then: are lots of people who pose as Christians, who I don't think

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The Tory Right has suffered a setback this week. It is probably only temporary. but it is nonetheless crucial in determining Tory strategy for the pre-election period. Ahead of the conference, the Right had argued that an early commitment to rule out British participation in a single currency and big tax cuts could be election winners for the Tories. Both demands have been rejected this week, and the Cabinet sceptics have acquiesced, suppressing their doubts (in public) and saving their ammunition until after the election.

That was the real significance of Kenneth Clarke's conference tri-

umph. He was cheered more for his commanding style and authority than for expressing home truths, on both taxes and Europe. which most in the audience reject. The leadership has skilfully exploited the widespread desire within the party for unity to isolate any dissenters. Michael Heseltine even attacked Sir James Goldsmith by name. No wonder, Tom Spencer, the strongly pro-Euro-pean chairman of the Tory MEPs, sounded upbeat yesterday.

Most significant has been Mr

Clarke's success, highlighted by the public display of support from a relieved John Major. That should dampen, if not end, the RIDDELL ON POLITICS

sniping against him. The attacks were always absurd. The forced departure of Mr Clarke would have wrecked the Tories' slim reelection chances and could even have brought down the Government. The unequivocal stand taken by Mr Major and Malcolm Rifkind has now settled policy on the single currency, though the Cabinet sceptics will probably try to reopen the issue in the new

Mr Clarke also lowered expectations about the Budget, Talk of big tax cuts has always been a rowing, it warns against sizeable

fantasy of the economically illiterate. The public would anyway be dubious. Such demands ignore the state of the economy and of public finances. The recent strong growth in living standards and worries over inflation mean that the next move in fiscal and monetary policy should be a tightening, not a loosening. More-over, while the "Green Budget" produced by the Institute for

Fiscal Studies and Goldman

Sachs is positive about the medi-

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public spending plans are already very tight, involving much lower rates of growth than have been achieved for long in the past.
With the Cabinet's EDX com-

mittee on public spending about to start intensive discussions about next year's plans, Mr Clarke was right to warn that the priorities are to keep borrowing coming down, ensure tight control of spending and properly fund key services; "only then, will I assess the room for any tax cuts this November. At a later fringe meeting, William Waldegrave. the Chief Secretary, warned that "there are never any easy savings

and there is always plenty of pressure to spend more". The lower inflation rate permit some reduction in expenditure totals. but this is likely to be small overall, allowing just some cosmetic fax cuts.

Mr Clarke set far-reaching goals for the next parliament: a 20p basic rate of income tax, reducing and then abolishing inheritance and capital gains tax. keeping inflation below 25 per cent and getting and keeping public spending below 40 per cent of national income. He described these as "guiding stars", but with no timetable. Mr Waldegrave was more ambitious in saying that

once spending had been reduced below 40 per cent, "in due course we should look further at a lower target". That would permit real reductions in the tax burden, as opposed to pre-election gestures. But it would require a fundamental review of spending plans switching some financing of health, social security and education to the private sector. None of that is possible in a pre-election period. Mr Clarke deserved his applause, if only for his candour and realism in emphasising the limits on what can be achieved in

the short term.

PETER RIDDELL

Clarke challenged to show gains of economic recovery

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE was urged yesterday to back his optimistic view of the economy with tax cuts in next month's Budget.

Tories at the party confer-ence agreed with his assessment of the recovery and his reluctance to offer the electorate tax cuts as a bribe. But Christopher Fraser, prospective parliamentary candidate for Mid Dorset and North Poole, said that the Government should demonstrate that its policies had worked. "How about showing people soon perhaps in November?"

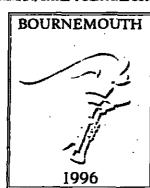
David Cameron, the candidate for Stafford and a former special adviser to Norman Lamont, said he realised that there was only limited room for tax cuts in the Budget. But these should be focused on those who had been hit hardest in the recession, and particularly the low-paid. They should go to "small businesses where people took money out of their own pockets to put into companies to keep them going" and where people kept wages down to keep their businesses afloat.

Mr Clarke said that the key to tax cuts was to control public spending and reduce public borrowing. Setting the scene for the Budget, he said he would keep borrowing coming down and ensure tight control of spending while properly funding key services such as hospitals, schools and the police.

"And when I have done those things, and only then, I will assess the room for any * tax cuts this November. As I said to conference last year and I say it again - for Conservatives, tax cuts must

My Budget this year will not just be set with a few months in mind. We all have many years of Conservative government in mind. We are going to govern much longer than the next few months."

Mr Clarke argued that he had to create the climate for continued economic success over the next five years. Repeating his argument that Tory voters would not be duped by unsustainable tax cuts, he said: "My Budget in



November must create the climate for an honest election campaign in which we play fair and straight with the public — and win five more

"At the coming election, tax is going to be a big issue. The question sensible people will ask is not who has cut taxes in any one year, but who will cut taxes over many years."

Mr Clarke urged Tories to go out and fight the next election on the economy. If Labour fought the election on the economy it would lose. "If we fight the election on the economy, we will win. And with a Tory government back in power, the economy will do even better."

The average family would be £700 better off this year after inflation and after tax than at the time of the last election, he said. Unemployment had fallen by nearly 900,000. The country was enjoying the longest run of low inflation for 50 years and the lowest mortgage rates for 30

"Between now and the elec-

Cheers all round

Conference may have fallen for the charm of Kenneth Clarke, but its old darling, Michael Heseltine, won the day's contest for the longest applause. Mr Clarke registered 94 decibels and kept the audience on its feet for four minutes 20 seconds. Mr Heseltine, though, trumped this by a further ten seconds at the same decibel level. Michael Portillo trailed in a low-key third with a subdued Imin 45sec at a mere 90d.

tion, our task is to bring home to the British people that this prosperity does not just full from trees. It will not come from Blair's smile or Brown's bluster. Only windbags believe in windfalls," he said

But he brought the house down when he added: "Gor-don Brown bases his policies on the Dolly Parton school of economics: an unbelievable figure, blown out of all proportion, with no visible means of

Turning to the next five years, Mr Clarke promised to cut the basic rate of income tax to 20p in the pound. "Already a quarter of all taxpayers only pay tax at 20p, eventually 20p will be the basic rate for everyone." He also promised to cut then abolish inheritance and capital gains tax, and get spending down to below 40 per cent of the economy.

Give us a fifth term and Britain can and will become the most successful economy in Europe," he said.

Mr Clarke, whose resignation has been demanded by the Euro-sceptics, called for the party to finite behilfed the Prime Minister's line on economic and monetary union. All Conservatives agree on far more things in the Euroan Union man we ever debate." To loud applause he added: "We all support a partnership of nations, and we are all hostile - I am hostile to any United States of

He insisted that now that monetary union was on the agenda, Britain needed to be at the negotiating table. "The Prime Minister and I intend to be there talking about it, influencing it, and defending the interests of the British

The Cabinet's policy on monetary union was part of its policy on the economy. It had been repeated by John Major last week and yesterday by Malcolm Rifkind. I repeat the same messsage today. So let us spend the next six months uniting behind that policy, attacking the Labour Party. talking about the economy and winning the next elec-



Heseltine rallies renegade Tories

MICHAEL HESELTINE rounded on Tory renegades yesterday, warning them that they would earn; the party's "utter contempt" if they handed power to Labour He also warned the Referendum Party, in a clear attack on Sir James Goldsmith, not to let Labour in.

The speech showed that the Deputy Prime Minister had lost none of his touch as a conference performer. It ended with him basking in an plause and flourishing Churchillian V for victory signs. Mr Heseltine-questioned Sir

James's motives for targeting its candidates in key Conservative constituencies. "What do you think you will gain by putting your candidates where it will hurt the Conservatives the most? Do you really want Labour to win? Have you counted the cost of the minimum wage, of the social contract?

I say this to you. You're lucky. As you commute between the luxury of your hacienda in Mexico, your chateau in France and your palazzo in Venice, just remem-ber the rest of us. We would have to stay here. We would have to suffer under them."

Conservative Party policy has previously been to deny that the Referendum Party would have any effect on its vote. But Mr Heseltine has the prospect that the party of a ing the Labour Party: "What a transformation! Old Labour -

millionaire financier who lives in Paris could cost the Conservatives some seats, if not the election. Mr Heseltine is himself a millionaire and as one insider said: "He felt that if anyone could attack Goldsmith and McAlpine [Lord McAlpine, the former Tory Party treasurer, who has defected to the Referendum Partyl for using their wealth to

avoid the consequences of their actions it was him."

the barmy army. New Labour Heseltine mocked the Labour party for producing five key pledges in a five-day conference: "Five soundbites, and they think they're fit to govern for five years. No facts, no details, no costs, Soundbites substituted for substance. Public relations masquerading as public concern."

However, in a policy an-

Blair's promise that Labour knowledge through computers for all schools. Mr Heseltine said that the

£300 million of lottery proceeds currently spent on projects for the millennium; will be ploughed into a new information and communica-tion technology fund. He promised a new range of computers in schools and access to information and training "of every sort to all who

Cranborne warns Blair on reform

By ALICE THOMSON POLITICAL REPORTER

THE LEADER of the House of Lords said yesterday that he was "not opposed in principle" to reform of the British constitution. But Viscount Cranborne gave warning that any changes to the upper chamber made by a Labour government would have to be matched by reform of the House of Commons.

In an article in The Times today and in a speech at the Tory conference in Bournemouth yesterday, Lord Cranborne said that both Houses could look antiquated if they

did not adapt.
John Major made it clear earlier this year that he does not want to see any "tinkering" with the House of Lords and the constitution.

But Lord Cranborne says in The Times: "To suggest that we should preserve the constitution rather as English Heritage preserves a Grade I-listed monument would be unwise. Some people badly want to reform the Lords further. I am not opposed to this in

He continues: "Any reform of the House of Lords will increase its authority at the expense of the House of Commons. You cannot consider the two houses separately. They are complementary and interdependent."

Junior 'OBE' scheme planned

By Arthur Leathley POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADING figures from sport. the arts and industry were urged yesterday to rally round a new "junior OBE" scheme to reward young people's contributions to the com-

Virginia Bottomley, the National Heritage Secretary, challenged celebrities and business leaders to support the Young Achievers scheme. which is based on proposals by Martyn Lewis, the television newscaster, who has criticised the media for concentrating on bad news and failing to praise positive work. particularly by the young.

The scheme, to be launched next year, would offer awards for outstanding achievement in the arts, sport, business or charity by those under 30. There are likely to be several grades of award depending on the achievement.

Mrs Bottomley said yester-lay that the scheme, backed enthusiasticully by John Major, would "promote and honour the achievements of our young". The Royal Family has also been involved in

discussions. Mrs Bottomley also an-



Bottomley: on song with new awards

nounced plans for a National reading awards scheme, su-pervised by the novelist Joanna Trollope, in an effort to improve reading standards. The Minister said parents had to set a clearer example to their children: "Let's set ourselves a target: just one night a week at least. Turn off the box and bring out the books."

Mrs Bottomley broke off during the middle of her keynote speech to sing a song ridiculing Labour Leader Tony Blair. She told representatives she had come across a little-known Gilbert and Sullivan song. To the tune of The Ruler of the Queen's Navy, from HMS Pinafore, Mrs Bottomley sang, unaccompanied and somewhat tunelessly, several long stanzas. To sustained applause, she ended: "Just smile through your teeth and avoid policy, and you all could be rulers of the

Portillo appeals for party unity

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

terday appealed for Tory MPs to demonstrate "unity, unity and unity" to ensure that John Major wins the next general The Defence Secretary, in a widely praised speech, said

MICHAEL PORTILLO yes-

that only the Conservatives had the will to govern and the determination to win. "But I tell this conference: in order to win we need three extra policies - unity, unity and unity." The speech, which was in contrast to his outburst

against the European Union last year, reinforced Mr Portillo's reputation as a conference favourite and a future leadership contender. His performance delighted Major lovalists with its attack on Labour and robust defence of Government policies. Britain was sure about its

place in Europe, he said: 7a proud and independent nation state". He condemned Labour's sneering politics of envy". Mr Major's leadership over Bosnia and Iraq was contrasted with the untested Tony Blair: "True grit, not soft soap. Sound judgment, not soundbites." Mr Portillo defended the Union and mocked the Liberal Democrats, who, he said, would hand control of the armed forces to the EU. While a Tory government

enhanced Britain's fighting capabilities, Labour leftwingers demanded the abolition of the nuclear deterrent and a drastic reduction in defence spending. The Labour leader-ship typically responds by pandering to them. They offer our forces the bleak prospect of a defence review. Their idea of fighting them on the beaches is to send Glenda Jackson to Benidorm." Mr Portillo brought foud

cheers when he mocked Mr Blair for comparing himself to Margaret Thatcher. "An astonishing pretension. Dream on, Mr Blair, dream on. And you are no John Major, A critical note was sounded

by Bryan Johnston, prospective parliamentary candidate for Stockton North. He was applauded when he attacked the sale of married servicemen's quarters. "We must ensure that the estates remain exclusively for the services. Local councils cannot be allowed to mix local housing in the quarter areas."

He criticised cuts in military manpower. "The Armed Forces are silent critics. They therefore need our special attention. If we are complacent and do not heed their concerns, then the consequences could be dire."



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Independent schools decry 'two faces' of Harman

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AN ADVERTISEMENT showing a two-faced Harriet Harman is launching a campaign by independent schools against Opposition policies on education.

Friends of Independent Schools, whose membership has grown to 50,000 in two years, drew on a £300,000 fighting fund to take the fullpage advert in national newspapers. It was placed in the name of Parental Choice Marters, a cover name for the FIS which is run from the London offices of the Independent Schools Information Service (ISIS), the main promotional organisation for private schools.

The advert, echoing the Conservative ploy of distorting the faces of political opponents, shows the Shadow Social Security Secretary voicing her support for Labour plans from her left mouth and calling for "the proper choice for your child" from the right. Earlier this year she sent her son to a grant-maintained grammar school. The advertisement says: "We agree with the Harriet Harman on the right". It will appear in The Times tomorrow.

The main target of the campaign is the pledge by both Labour and the Liberal Democrats to abolish the assisted places scheme, a £120,000 government subsidy to help less well-off families to pay independent school fees. It also says that Labour threatens the schools charitable status which, if removed,

would force up fees. Friends of Independent

Schools said it was not simply saying "vote Conservative" at the general election and denied, it was effectively an extension of the party. "We are not asking you to change your vote. We are asking you to help us to make new Labour and the Lib Dems reconsider their policies on independent

The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference, which represents 250 independent schools, said earlier this month that its dialogue with Labour had achieved little.

Parents at 140 independent schools are asked to pay £3 to the pressure group every time they settle their annual school fees. Campaign decisions are made by the FIS full-time political officer and confirmed by a board, which includes head teachers, parents and school governors.

A spokesman for the Friends of Independent Schools said the advert was not intended as an attack on Ms Harman. "We are saying she made a courageous decision and we support her decision as a parent. We are saying the Labour Party cannot face both ways on this

Labour said that neither the party nor Ms Harman was two-faced on its policies for independent schools.

A spokesman for David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, said: "We have said we will phase out the assisted places scheme in order to ensure 500,000 infants are in class of 30 or

'Rising costs lead to more expulsions'

By Our Education Correspondent

creasingly likely to be expelled because schools cannot afford the amount of time and money they demand, a report published yesterday concluded.

Pupils were expelled for violent behaviour in just a for reputation and position in league tables" played a part in the spiralling number of expulsions, the report said.

The study, by the Institute of Education in London, disclosed that the number of pupils expelled each year has iumped from fewer than 3.000 in 1990-91 to more than 12,000 in 1994-95. Dr David Gillborn,

DIFFICULT pupils are in- a reader in sociology at the institute and author of the report, called for an urgent review of both permanent and temporary exclusion. "Exclusion is meant to be used only in the most extreme cases," he said. "In reality, it is used in a range of circumstances."

He said the consequences for the child could be enormous. Fewer than one third of expelled youngsters returned to mainstream education, with four in ten being taught at home at great expense to the local authority.

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Gypsy caravan: the Spanish dancer Joaquín Cortés, who blends flamenco with rock, leading his troupe yesterday at the Albert Hall, London, where his show runs until Sunday

Bishops ask Pope to change Irish holidays into holy days

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish Roman Catholic Church has appealed to the Pope to move traditional Irish holy days to Sunday because many people are using the days for shopping rather than

There are eight "holy days of obligation" in the Irish calendar on which schools and offices close so that people can go to Mass to celebrate the feast day.

However, the tradition has gradually fallen into disuse. The Irish Bishops' Conference has written to the Congregation for Divine Worship - the Vatican Body with

responsibility for feast days proposing that Ireland should move its holy days in line with the rest of Europe and the United States.

The Church wants to move two "Holy Days of Obliga-tion" from Thursday to Sun-day. It is also seeking alterations to four more of the eight compulsory days of

Willy Walsh, Bishop of Killaloe, Co Clare, said only half his congregation attended Mass on boly days: "Work practices have changed. It was very easy in the past when we were an agricultural

country to stop work on holy days and go to Mass. It has become very difficult for the working public to do that. Most factories want their

workers on holy days." "In the past it was socially unacceptable in Ireland to miss Mass. That is no longer the case," he added.

The bishops propose to move Ascension Day and Corpus Christi from Thursday to the following Sunday. St Patrick's Day on March 17 and Christmas Day on will remain obligatory Mass days, regardless of what day they fall on.

Councillors damn £6bn canal for North with faint praise

By Ian Murray, community correspondent

A PLAN to spend £6 billion building a canal across the north of England was given short shrift yesterday by the first group of political leaders to study it.

The idea to link Carlisle with Newcastle upon Tyne was discussed only briefly by the executive of the North of England Assembly, It decided the proposal was worth noting but far less important than pressing on with its ten-year campaign to win money for building dual carriageways along three roads through the

The Western Water High-

way scheme, devised by Derek Russell, a retired Manchester engineer, would carry ships of up to 15,000 tonnes through the Pennines. He believes it would provide up to 300,000 jobs and reduce pollution

from traffic. After the meeting, John McCormack, chairman of the assembly which represents councils throughout the North, said they were not making a judgment yet. What we have done is reiterate what we see as our priorities for the region." he said. "Our other priorities concern the region's rail network, improving public transport and an integrated transport system, which have been devastated by deregulation.

Heavy II

"This does not mean we are against the Western Water Highway, but we want the emphasis to be on the immediate problems which can be dealt with in the short-term before talking about something more grandiose and for the next century."

The project is due to be discussed by Cumbria County Council on October 24.

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Act passed in 1606 introduced £10 penalty for company performing 'naughty words'

Heavy hand of censor fell on Elizabethan theatre

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A LETTER dated 1589, which proposes that all comedies and tragedies should be censured by a committee before being performed in public, is to be sold at auction.

The letter, one of the earliest documents in the history of stage censorship, is from the Privy Council to the Archbishop of Canterbury, None signed by the council was known to have survived, and it is estimated to fetch £50,000.

While the Puritans complained about the tirade of bawdy language on the Eliza-) bethan stage, the Privy Council was more worried about religious and political subversion. On November 12 they requested Archbishop John Whitgift to establish a committee to oversee censorship of plays in London.

The council notes: "There hathe growne some inconvenience by the common plaies and enterludes, played and exercised in and about the Cyttle of London, in that the players doe take upon them to handle in their playes certen matters of divinitie and of State unfitt to be suffred." They suggested that the committee "examine" the plays before they were allowed to be presented to the public, and that the Archbishop conferred with the Master of the Revels

and the Lord Mayor. They proposed that the committee should "geve their allowance of suche as they shall thincke meet to be played, and to forbydd the rest".

Peter Beal, manuscripts expert at Sotheby's, which will be selling the letter on December 17 and 18, said: "It's the most important document relating to the Elizabethan stage that has been discovered this

It is difficult to identify the exact plays concerned because many hundreds from around that time have been lost. Dr Beal suggested that Christo-



pher Marlowe's anti-Christian Tamburlaine the Great, staged in 1587-88, may have exacerbated the situation.

Stanley Wells, director of the Shakespeare Institute of Birmingham University and general editor of the Oxford complete works published in 1986, said that 1589 marked the beginning of Shakespeare's career, although scholars are not entirely certain when he started writing. Marlowe and Robert Greene were more prominent then.

He noted the letter related to matters of divinity and state religious and political censorship. In 1606 an Act was passed to prevent profanity on the stage. A penalty of £10 was introduced for a company performing "naughty words", with half going to the informer. "If you went and told the Privy Council about naughty words, you would get £5 for your trouble."

Concern about profanity, he said, was clearly reflected in changes made to some of Shakespeare's plays.
"Zounds", short for "God's Shakespeare's wounds", was considered a particularly offensive word one of the most ferocious you could use". It appears in an early text of Othello before being changed to "away". The "God" was often

changed to "heaven", he said. Professor Wells added: "The most spectacular example of political censorship is in Henry IV Part One, where we

know that Sir John Falstaff was originally called Sir John Oldcastle. John Oldcastle was an ancestor of Lord Cobham. who was Lord Chancellor of the day. Shakespeare originally called him Oldcastle and had to change it to Falstaff." The Elizabethan censorship committee was a precursor of

the Lord Chamberlain's office which, until 1968, had powers of censorship over every play that appeared on the British stage. The Lord Chamberlain was given parliamentary authority to censor plays in an Act of 1737. David Starkey, a leading historian at the London School

of Economics, drew parallels between the late 1580s and this century: "The period was one great crisis, roughly the equivalent of 1941, a period of massive disturbance in foreign relations, fear of the fifth column at home and everyone feeling very edgy indeed. It was also the beginning of semi-publicly expressed doubts about the Queen. Rather like now, the Queen was ageing fast and people were wondering whether she was still in touch.'



The character Falstaff, in Henry IV Part One, was the result of censorship

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workers Two workmen died yesterday after being overcome by gas fumes as they worked in an underground sewerage system in Swansea. The men collapsed after entering a roadside inspection chamber. Colleagues who attempted to

revive them were also over-

come and five were taken to

hospital with breathing

difficulties. Paramedics in protective suits who dragged the unconscious men out of the chamber were treated for the effects of fumes as a precaution. Health and safety inspectors have begun an investigation into the accident.

Guilt revealed

A Salvation Army youth leader who molested the son and daughter of a colleague 19 years ago was jailed for two years. Frank Lewis, 42, a married Oldham shop worker. admitted indecent assault and five indecency charges.

Duchess's jewels

Jewellery that belonged to the Grand Duchess Elizabeth of Russia, Queen Victoria's granddaughter who married Tsar Alexander III's brother and was killed by Bolsheviks in 1918, sold for £94,850 at Sotheby's, London.

Clapton fined

Tree study

By NIGEL HAWKES

the front of the violin is made,

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Stradivarius.

Dr Bill Fitzgerald and An-

thony Huggett, a research student use a mathematical

and statistical method to get around difficulties that defeat-

ed previous efforts to use the

method on violins. A complete

record of the tree-rings in pine

has been established by ar-

chaeologists, from which the

date of a piece of pine can be

worked out by matching its

rings to the chronology.

Eric Clapton was fined £210 by Guildford magistrates, Surrey, for speeding in his Ferrari at 61mph on a 30mph stretch of the A25. Clapton, 51, of Regent's Park, is recording in Los Angeles and pleaded guilty through his barrister.

Lottery millions

The National Lottery, which reaches its hundredth draw tomorrow, has created 280 millionaires. Figures from Camelot, the lottery operator. show that there have been 123,517,395 winning tickets for over £3 billion in prize money.

Left powerless

Torness near Edinburgh cannot come on line because thieves damaged a final, vital component after they stole the van delivering it. They tried to dismantle the £80,000 oxygen injector to sell as scrap.

A new power station at

Dog honoured

A golden retriever is to be made an honorary life vice-president of Hutton Cranswick Cricket Club in Yorkshire for having sniffed out at least 50 balls, saving the club £1,250. Purdey, 12 is also to be the club's mascot.

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Roy Lewis (obituary, yester-day) was born on November 6. 1913, and was 82 when he died.

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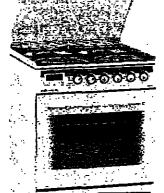
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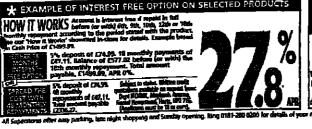


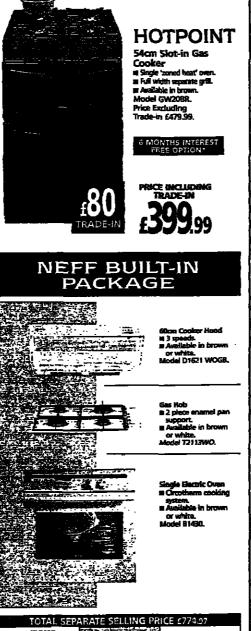
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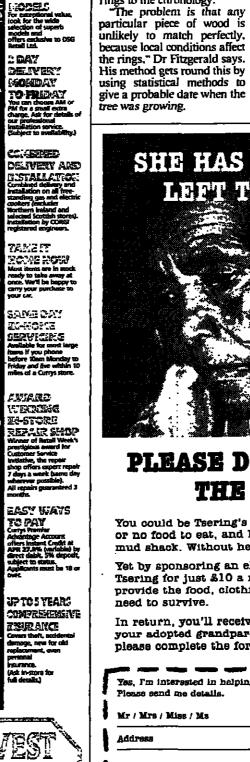
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! Hormone therapy doubles the risk of blood clots

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN undergoing hor-mone replacement therapy at least double their risk of developing a blood clot in the

legs.
Three studies conducted in Britain and America have revealed a two to four times increase in the risk of deepvein thrombosis in women undergoing either oestrogenonly therapy or the combined bestrogen-progestagen treat-

In absolute terms the increase in risk is small. Among 10,000 women undergoing hormone replacement therapy (HRT), the results suggest two would have a thrombosis they would not otherwise have had.

By 2000, one in three postmenopausal women are predicted to be undergoing HRT but the studies, published in The Lancet, show that it is not a risk-free treatment. It has been known for some time that destrogen in the contraceptive pill is linked with an increased risk of thrombosis: the researchers reasoned the same could be true of HRT.

In the first study, by scientists at Oxford University, all women admitted to hospitals in Oxford with deep-vein thrombosis in the 23 months up to December 1994 were screened and compared with women admitted for other reasons. The results, based on SI cases, showed that after correcting for other factors. women on HRT were 312 times more likely to have had a thrombosis. A similar study conducted in Boston, Massachusetts, based on 42 cases. found similar results.

A third study of 123 cases of blood clots in the lungs, a potentially fatal complication of deep-vein thrombosis, conducted by the Boston Collaborative Drug Surveillance Program, Lexington, found an increase in risk for those on HRT of 2.1 times, or one extra case for every 20,000 women undergoing the therapy.

In a press release on the findings. The Lancet is careful not to exaggerate the increased risk, noting that it

Iron boosts brain power

IRON pills can boost memory and brain power in teenage girls, according to researchers. One in seven girls in America has low iron levels, mainly caused by the loss of blood during menstruation. A study of 78 girls with low levels showed that after eight weeks treatment with iron supplements their mental performance improved.

Dr Ann Bruner and colleagues at Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, Maryland, who publish their results in The Lancet, say: These findings suggest that

would lead to two extra cases of thrombosis in 10,000 women. Reports last year that third-generation. low-dose contraceptive pills were associated with a doubled risk of deep-vein thrombosis triggered a scare that led the Government to recommend thousands of women to change their brand of Pill.

The risk of deep-vein thrombosis rises with age, so a doubling of the risk in menopausal women has a greater effect than in younger women of childbearing age.

In a commentary on the findings, two experts from Leiden University Hospital in The Netherlands say they remind us that HRT is a drug therapy with, albeit rare, sideeffects". HRT helps to control the unpleasant symptoms of the menopause in the short term and in the long term is believed to protect against the bone-thinning disease osteoporosis and heart disease, but may involve a slight increase in breast cancer.

The Dutch experts, Jan Vandenbroucke and Frans Helmerhorst, say: Prescribing for purely preventive purposes, without clinical indications, should be underpinned by strong evidence of benefit."

They say that women who have a family history of deepvein thrombosis, are grossly overweight or suffer illness whether the risk is justified.



Mandy Allwood 'still wants family'

BY JOANNA BALE

MANDY ALLWOOD yesterday defended her failed attempt to give birth to eight babies and said she still hoped to start a family with her partner.

Miss Allwood, who miscarried the eight foetuses, denied that she went against medical advice, despite being told by doctors that she should have had six aborted to improve the chances of a successful birth.

In an interview with the London station Talk Radio, she said: "It seems we were being told one thing in the consulting rooms and the press were

saying something else. We did not go against medical advice. And there was no guarantee that I would be able to keep two babies alive. In my own mind I knew that I could do it. I knew the risks and was prepared to take them, and with the support of Paul her partner Paul Hudson, we carried on.

"If I was pregnant with eight babies again I would do it again. There is a risk with any pregnancy." She added that she and her partner were taking it day by day. "We are planning to start a family as soon as possible. At the end of the day we want a baby."

Ms Allwood, 31, who appeared on the

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show with Mr Hudson, disclosed that they would be writing a book with Professor Kypros Nicolaides, her consultant gynaecologist. Ms Allwood and Mr Hudson are believed to have already made £250,000 out of deals with the News of the World and various television stations and magazines. She has donated some of her earnings to research into

fertility treatment and pregnancy. Ms Allwood became pregnant with eight babies after ignoring her doctor's advice not to have unprotected sexual intercourse during a vital stage of her fertility treatment. The funerals will be held next week in south London.

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BY A STAFF REPORTER

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The Official Solicitor, acting

as the 15-month-old child's guardian, is seeking a ruling in the Court of Appeal that surgeons should operate to give the how a new liver. But the parents, who are both healthcare professionals, have refused to allow the child to have the operation, claiming it would extend his life only temporarily and might lead to greater suffering for him.

Today the father of the boy

told a news agency in the country where the family is now living, which cannot be divulged for legal reasons: "We had always planned to come here. The child was sick we decided against the transplant a long, long time ago. We organised to come to here before the child was

Despite his illness, the boy- known as T for legal reasons - is not in great pain and lives a relatively normal life. The current legal challenge is being brought by Ts parents after a High Count judge in Britain ruled earlier this year that T should have the transplant. If the Court of Appeal in London agrees, Ts parents will have 21 days to return their son. But T's father said: "With an appeal, the order of the first court became irrelevant until the second judgment so we're not actually breaking the law."

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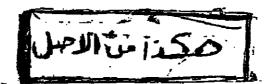


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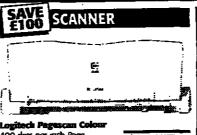


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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

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Jardine Fleming dropped from Asia umbrella fund

FLEMING, Hong JARDINE Kong's oldest investment bank, has suffered a further humiliating blow after being dropped as a leading fund manager in a new unit trust

The fund manager is being ex-cluded from a new UK investment scheme after Imro, the fund managers' watchdog, found that one of its most senior traders was making secret deals to benefit himself and to

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the detriment of clients. It was fined

In addition, Jardine Fleming paid £12 million in compensation and sacked Colin Armstrong, the trader at the centre of the affair. Now Portfolio Fund Management

has made a last-minute change to drop Fleming's funds from its Asia umbrella fund, Portfolio Asia Fund. After conducting extensive interviews with fund managers in Hong Kong and Singapore the house has

Portfolio Asia Fund is a unit trust fund of funds aimed at offering investors access to most Asian markets outside Japan through investing in 25 funds from 13

leading groups in the region. After paying visits to 29 fund managers in Hong Kong and II more in Singapore, Portfolio decid-ed to take Flemings off the list.

The decision was taken despite the fact that the new fund will expose between 35 per cent to 45 per cent of its geographic weightings to

Hong Kong stocks. Jardine Fleming, a joint venture between the UK private merchant bank Robert Fleming and Jardine Matheson, is the largest fund house in the

Richard Timberlake, Portfolio's investment director, said the decision was indirectly related to the rogue trading scandal. Colin Arm-strong, a senior Jardine Fleming manager, was found to have conducted share transactions to benefit his own account, placing unit trust holders at a disadvantage. What he has done was pretty terrible and he was their [Jardine's] star fund manager." Mr Timberlake said. I am looking for institutions that

have discipline and flair," he said. He described the performance of Jardine Fleming's funds as "a little pedestrian" and said: "I decided to make room for people whose performance 11 have more confi-

The four fund houses which the new fund will have the largest HSBC and Invesco, top managemem groups in Hong Kong after

Jardine Fleming.

After taking Fleming off the list,
Henry Cooke (Lloyd George) and
Morgan Grenfell are added to the

Last week, Jardine Fleming lost the lucrative mandate to manage £70 million of pension funds for Hong Kong Jockey Club, a powerful and prestigious organisation running horse races in the territory.

NatWest buys Hambro Magan

MORE than 100 senior City executives are set to become millionaires after the investment banking arm of Nat-West yesterday acquired JO Hambro Magan, the highly successful corporate finance

NatWest Markets refused to disclose the cost of buying Hambro Magan but market analysts believe that a basic E20 million price could eventually reach £150 million after 120 staff of the combined operation were locked in by "golden handcuffs". Some of the new contracts are said to be worth as much as £2 million for the best performers.

George Magan, chairman of Hambro Magan, who will become chairman of the new operation when regulatory approval has been granted this month, said that the new pay packets for staff were based on a high degree of loyalty, "performance related compensation and a significant element of golden handcuffs on a person by person

The 40-strong staff of Hambro Magan, which since it was founded in 1998 has advised on transactions with a total value of more than £18 billion. are already among the most well-rewarded corporate financiers and merger and acquisition specialists in the City. At the end of last year, the firm had net assets of around £1 million.

In order to make the loss of the independence they enjoyed as a relatively small boutique more palatable, senior staff at Hambro Magan will have had to have been persuaded by generous renumeration packages and handcuff arrangements that locked them into the new group for some time



Magan: new chairman

however, NatWest Markets with its 80 key players.

Among the biggest deals that Hambro Magan has worked on are the £1.6 billion agreed takeover of Jaguar by Ford and the £1.8 billion hostile offer for Fisons by Rhone-Poulenc-Rorer. On the NatWest Markets side, there is the £361 million hostile bid defence of Amec by Kvaerner and the £870 million recommended offer for South Wales Electricity by Welsh Water. The most high-profile deal is as adviser to the Ministry of Defence on the £1.66 billion sale of married quarters

The NatWest Markets acquisition of Hambro Magan follows the purchase last November of Gleacher & Co., a leading US corporate finance house that has since been renamed Gleacher NatWest. Eric Gleacher, chairman of the eponymous firm, who will become co-chairman of Global Corporate Advisory with Mr Magan, said yesterday that since the aquisition his company alone had generated up to \$100 million in revenue.

Among the leading transac tions done by Gleacher NatWest are the British Airway's proposed alliance with American Airlines and the \$14 billion merger of MFS with WorldCom.

Martin Owen, chief executive of NatWest Markets, who said that transactions for the first nine months of this year for the combined business were worth more than £32 billion, said: "Hambro Magan is widely recognised as one of the leading independent M&A (merger and acquisitions) advisers in the UK and represents a one-of-a-kind acquisition opportunity that will enhance our already powerful presence in corporate finance.

"The combination of Hambro Magan with Gleacher NatWest and NatWest Markets will take our worldwide corporate advisory business to a new level."

Banking unions are expected to protest strongly at the generous new pay deals for a handful of top staff in the NatWest Group.

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Tony Gooda, the controversial former Lloyd's underwriter, was among the names to feature in a batch of 240 writs issued in the High Court

Lloyd's names face flurry of writs

By Jon Ashworth

LLOYD'S of London unleashed a voiley of writs against non-paying names yesterday in the first step towards recovering £500 mil-

lion in outstanding debts. Tony Gooda, the controversial former Lloyd's underwriter, and Sir William Piggot-Brown, the former leading amateur jockey, are among

Zeneca plans

to disclose

US donations

By Jason Nissé

their homes and assets in the action, which is led by Dibb Lupton Alsop, the law firm

acting for Lloyd's. Mr Gooda, who introduced names to the ill-fated Gooda

names to feature in a batch of Walker syndicates, is being 240 writs issued yesterday in sued for £1.67 million in the High Court in London. Sir moneys purportedly owed to William, a former Sixties playboy, now lives in South Africa. holiday and not available for

Names who ignore demands for payment risk losing Other leading Lloyd's personalities to be singled out include Robin Kingsley, chairman of the Lime Street Agency, who is being sued for £1.26 million. Mr Kingsley placed

names on the loss-making

syndicates. Sally Noel, who is campaigning on behalf of nonpaying names, faces a demand for nearly £300,000.

She threatened to tear up her writ publicly yesterday. saying she leared the action could trigger a fresh round of suicides among distressed names. Mrs Noel claims the amounts on the writs have not been independently validated.

includes Rupert Galliers-Pratt, who was recently censured by the Stock Exchange for failing to disclose his directorships of 17 failed

Mr Galliers-Pratt, an old Etonian, is chairman of Optical Care (Bermuda), which floated on the Alternative Investment Market in the

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Gas blow

Council has begun talks with Ofgas, the industry regulator, because of a doubling in the number of complaints about gas bills. In the last six months there were 12800 complaints compared with 6,200 in the same period of 1995. Page 26

Conran plan

Sir Terence Conran is planning a return to New York with a restaurant and furniture store in a new development to be built at the foot of the Queensboro Bridge, Page 31

Inflation exceeds 2.5% target again

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

ZENECA, the pharmaceutical group, is considering THE headline inflation rate changing its accounting pol-icies to disclose fully donations to US political parties made through the company. The move is in response to revelations in The Times that UK companies have

to the Republican Party to belp to fund Bob Dole's fight against Bill Clinton for the presidency.
Institutional investors are to press for full disclosure of US donations in the same way that payments to UK

given more than \$2.1 million

disclosed. Zeneca, which gave \$230,000 to US politicians last year, said it was actively cosidering how it should treat these payments.

political parties have to be

BP, which gave \$315,000, said that it felt the information was fully disclosed in statutory filings in the US, but if it received overwhelming requests to include this in its UK annual report, it would consider it.

retailers pushed up prices on

was unchanged at 2.1 per cent in September but underlying new autumn lines. The headline rate held uninflation, targeted by the Govchanged from August's level, partly because of some morternment, rose disappointingly on the day that Kenneth gage-rate cuts in September. Clarke, the Chancellor, adwhich offset higher house dressed the Conservative par-There was also a downward ty conference.

Underlying inflation rose to 29 per cent from 28 per cent in August and in each of the effect from seasonal food prices, which fell much more sharply this year than last. preceding three months, so moving further above the Government's aim of 2.5 per

Many City economists argued that the latest figures virtually ruled out another cut such as sickness benefit. Last in base rates. The main culprits pushing year, the September headline

inflation up in September were petrol prices and clothing and footwear prices, which jumped by 5.2 per cent, the biggest monthly rise since records began in 1947, according to the Office for National Statisticians said that there

when prices stayed high because of the drought. The 2.1 per cent headline rate in September is important because it is the figure that will be used to uprate pensions and many other state benefits

> rate was 3.9 per cent. Many other benefits - including child benefit and the new Jobsecker's allowance are uprated by the so-called Rossi index, which is the Retail Prices Index minus

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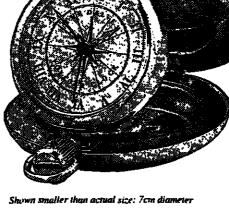
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BT pension fund backs Liberty launch

By MARIANNE CURPHEY

DONALD GORDON, the South African insurance magnate, is to compete head-on with the biggest names in the pensions industry by creating a major

new life insurance company.

However, unlike other green field operations, the new company will have the advantage of starting with £1.5 billion worth of funds under management, thanks to a joint venture with the British Telecom Pension Scheme

The new company will be called Hermes Liberty International Pensions Ltd (HLIP). BTPS, which has £31 billion of assets and is the largest fund in Britain, has agreed to transfer £1.5 billion of its funds into the new

operation. In return, BTPS will take a 10 per cent stake in the new company, and BTPS's 100 per cent-owned subsidiary, the fund manager Hermes, will act as

money-purchase and final salary the fund manager for HLIP. Mr Gordon, a player in the insurbillion BTPS transfer will give it the ance industry for 40 years, predicted "critical mass" it needs to start up.

that pensions would be the "fastestgrowing sector in the world".

Mr Gordon hopes to attract business from individuals through a direct telephone operation based in Peterborough. Initially, however, the emphasis will be on winning contracts from companies to manage their employee pension schemes. HUP will be able to offer both

scheme management, and says the £1.5

ucts would be sold through Liberty International's shopping centre network, which has 150 million visitors a year and includes some of the biggest out-of-town sites in the country -Lakeside Thurrock in Essex and Newcastle's Metro Centre. HLIP, which plans to launch next

spring, will offer a UK index tracking fund and an actively enhanced UK

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Mannesmann sells £223m stake in TI Group

By Keith Rodgers

ALMOST 9 per cent of the shares in TI Group, the engineering concern. changed hands yesterday as Germany's Mannesmann sold its stake to free funds for its own expansion in the telecommunications market.

Mannesmann, the engineering group, placed 42.1 million shares through UBS, Cazenove and SBC

THE Gas Consumers Council

(GCC) has begun talks with

Ofgas, the industry regulator,

in an attempt to end the gas

bills fiasco, which has seen the number of complaints double

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hundreds of customers in the

South West received letters

from a debt collecting agency

this week demanding pay-ment for bills that had not

been received. Last week, around 100 customers were hit

by a bungle that led to them being billed for £10.7 million

The billing chaos started

two weeks ago, when British

Gas was forced to suspend

disconnections after thou-

sands of customers were sent

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tion notices.

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However, the GCC is so

concerned about the system's

inadequacies, which could af-fect all 18 million domestic gas

customers, that it started ur-

gent consultations with Ofgas.

Ian Powe, the GCC director, said: "We have asked Ofgas to

tell us soon what action they

intend to take against British

Gas over the serious failures

in its billing system. British

Gas put a prototype into production before it was fully

"That is worrying enough

but to have done so without

the normal safeguard of quali-ty control is to risk public

accusations of incompetence

at a time when the company

must maintain market share

A spokesman for British

Gas admitted that the latest

billing problems were caused

by the new computer system,

adding: "In a very short space

of time, we have had to get this

enormous billing system in

tested.

to survive.'

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Warburg at a price of 532p, against an opening price of 564¹2p. The shares were widely distributed, and the price, which initially fell 9p. closed the day at 55612 p.

The deal raised about E223 million for Mannesmann, which first bought a 5 per cent stake in TI for £41.3 million in September 1989. It subsequently increased the holding to 8.86 per cent. The size of the stake had led to repeated speculation about a full takeover bid. The two groups originally came together when TI, which owned Bundy International, the fluid-carrying systems group, bought Mannesmann's minority stake in Bundy Germany. Although both company's said yesterday that they had enjoyed a healthy relationship,

there were no joint ventures between

them and in recent years their strat-

egic aims have diversified. While TI bought its way into the aerospace industry and polymers, Mannesmann has focused on the highly competitive telecoms arena, and considered the

TI investment to be non-core. One analyst said Mannesmann may launch a rights issue in the second half of next year to fund its continuing telecoms investment. In London, analysts were largely un-

several arguing that the TI price remains fair. One suggested that the real surprise was that Mannesmann had not made the disposal earlier.

The three brokers, led by UBS as prime adviser, earned £21 million between them after buying the shares at 527p. Earlier this week, TI made a formal offer for Forsheda, the quoted Swedish maker of polymer seals.

Gas billing fiasco adds up to double complaints red final warnings before hav-ing received their bills. Some had even received disconnec-British Gas was forced to guarantee that nobody would be disconnected for non-payment until the end of next month even though the company originally believed the problem was limited to Leeds By that time, it hoped that problems caused by the introduction of a £150 million computerised billing network would be

High point: Alan Sugar, the Spurs chairman, who is ready to go into the red in the team's quest for fresh signings

Sugar ready to emulate **Premiership** big-spenders

By Jason Nisse

ALAN SUGAR, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur, said yesterday that he was willing to allow Gerry Francis, the club's team manager, to spend substantial amounts on new players, even if it means the company goes into the red. At the same time he attacked the spiralling payments for players, and out Newcastle United, which

is currently mulling over a

said that the company was

willing to use its banking

resources to fund purchases.

Spurs took a massive

writedown on its player valua-

tions, reducing them by over

40 per cent. It also changed its

year-end from 31 May to 31

July, but the pro forma profits

for the 12 months to 31 May.

ignoring the writedown, more

than doubled to £11.9 million.

These figures were boosted by

a new shirt sponsorship deal

and a profit of £4.6 million on

player sales, notably Nicky Barmby for £5.25 million.

Earnings per share, ignor-ing player trading and writedowns, rose from 26.4p

to 37.5p. A final dividend of

3.5p. payable on November 19,

makes a total of 5p (3p). Mr Sugar said that earn

ings in the future would

benefit frm new TV deals. He

expects revenue for the live TV

deal with BSkyB, which is 40

ing their purchases."

computer system — the big-gest of its kind in the world." Nigel Griffiths, shadow consumer minister, said that Ofgas had ignored his warning that complaints would increase if no action was taken. He called on the regulator to out the consumer first.

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High street sales growth continues at slower rate

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

HIGH STREET sales continued to grow in September but at a slower pace than in August, according to the latest distributive trades survey by the Confederation of British Industry, published today.

This was weaker than retailers had expected. Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel. said: "The rate of growth in retail trade eased in September, disappointing companies' expectations of a further pick-

float, for paying £15 million for Alan Shearer, the England Both the slight easing in the captain. "I might be missing pace of sales growth, and the plot here," said Mr Sugar. evidence that consumers are but I don't have the faintest still balking at paying higher idea how Newcastle are fundprices, offered some potentialcomforting news on infla-Spurs has cash balances of tion in coming months. E12-2 million and Mr Sugar

The survey showed that clothing shops reported a

United fights

BA-AA link

UNITED AIRLINES has

asked the US Department of

Transportation to investi-

gate formally the proposed

link-up between British Air-

ways and American Airlines

United maintains that the

interests of American con-

sumers, airports, carriers,

and airline industry employ-

ees are being shortchanged in the review being conduct-

ed by the United Kingdom

and the European Commis-

lan Lang. President of the

Board of Trade, is assessing

whether to refer the pro-

(Jon Ashworth writes).

slowdown in sales after three strong months. Given yesterday's September retail prices figures, which showed the biggest monthly price increase in clothing and footwear since the statistical series began in 1947, this suggests that, in spite of talk of a booming consumer sector, consumers remain price-sensitive.

A hallmark of this economic covery has been that, whenever retailers tried to raise margins, consumers to some extent staged a boycott. If this relationship remains valid, this should help to keep a lid on retail prices.

Retailers said that they regarded their business as above average for the time of year but this was still at a lesser extent than expected. On the positive side, Mr

Eperon noted that orders placed with suppliers rose at the same rate as in July, which had been the sharpest rate of increase since July 1988. Another sign of buoyancy was the fact that the balance of retailers indicating more than adequate stocks relative to expected sales was the lowest recorded since the survey began in 1983.

The CBI said that all of shops - apart from offlicences - saw a rise in sales last month compared with last year. Chemists reported the strongest rise in sales since December 1993 after August's sharp slowdown.

The sectors most closely linked to the housing market thrived, with strong growth in sales of hardware, china and DIY, furniture and carpets.

Tillman plans return with reverse takeover

By Sarah Cunningham

HAROLD TILLMAN, former head of the Honorbilt fashion group who escaped a DTI from holding UK directorships, is poised to make a return to British business through a reverse takeover of

Shares in Hélène, the struggling clothing-supply com-pany, were suspended at 7p yesterday as the company announced it had entered into an agreement with Dyckhoff, a German department store company controlled by Mr Tillman. Helene said the pro-

It is believed that Mr Tillman will not take a management role, nor be on the board of Hélène after the

Hélène made an £8.7 million loss before tax last year, compared to a £6.13 million profit the year before, and did not pay a final dividend. In June it sold its Just Jamie and Reggie tailored women's wear and outerwear businesses to management.

Honorbilt was floated in 1987 but after a series of ambitious acquisitions, collapsed in 1990 with debts of £11 million. The DTI sought to have Mr Tillman disqualified as a director after the collapse. but in August the High Court

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Watchdog seeks TNT shares buyer

AUSTRALIA'S Federal Court has granted the watchdog Australian Securities Commission a freeze on some proceeds from alleged insider dealing in shares of TNT, the transport company, ahead of a surprise A\$2 billion (£1 billion) takeover bid by KPN. The ASC has stepped up efforts to trace Mark Booth, believed to be a Briton, who is understood to have ordered the options in TNT by telephone and paid A\$87,500 in untraceable bank cheques for the TNT options.

Yesterday the court lifted a freeze on profits of A\$9.2 million made by two Australian firms trading in TNT options just ahead of the KPN bid. It agreed to continue a freeze on profits made by Mr Booth. The Australian Taxation Office is also monitoring attempts to locate him. TNT shares were trading at about A\$1.56 each when he bought call options over 5 million at an exercise price of A\$2. The shares are now trading at A\$2.41, just below KPN's offer price of A\$2.45.

Imro clears unit trusts

THE unit trust industry has been given a mostly clean bill of health by Imro, the City watchdog, after a review prompted by the Morgan Grenfell scandal. The Investment Management Regulatory Organisation made inspection visits to a number of fund management firms as part of a review of unquoted se-curities. Imro said the visits confirmed firms hold "minimal... if indeed any" holdings in unquoted securities. In a "small number" of cases, improvements could be made to control pro-cesses and the "clarity" of the disclosure of unquoted securities,

Leeson boss sues bank

A FORMER boss of Nick Leeson, the jailed trader, is taking Barings Bank to an industrial tribunal, claiming £500,000 in unpaid bonuses. American-born Mary Walz claims the merchant bank is in breach of its contract for refusing her claim to the massive payout when she was sacked last year. Currently jobless, Ms Walz was global head of equity financial products and one of 21 top managers dismissed after the bank's rescue by ING. She says other staff got their bonuses while the 21 sacked executives did not receive their share.

Record profits for GE

AMERICA'S General Electric Co saw third-quarter profits rose II per cent to a record \$1.788 billion. Revenues grew 16 per cent to a record \$20 billion (\$17.3 billion), helped by income from the Olympics televised by its NBC television network as well as greater global activities and higher sales of spare parts and services. The GE Capital Services subsidiary lifted earnings 15 per cent to \$816 million. NBC broadcast the Atlanta Olympics to a US audience of 209 million. It expects strong ratings for its new autumn schedule.

Red phone box deal

BT reached an out-of-court settlement yesterday with New World Payphones (NWP), its biggest phone box rival, over the old-style red K2 and K6 phone boxes. BT obtained a temporary injunction this summer preventing NWP from using the traditional red phone box in conservation areas. The injunction was dropped after yesterday's agreement. Precise terms are confidential, but BT will make sites available to NWP, where BT's modern kiosk is already installed. BT has the sole right to install the old phone box.

Easynet in talks

EASYNET, the AIM-listed Internet access provider, is in talks with UK Online, one of its rivals, with a view to a possible merger. Easynet said the talks reflect the growing consolidation in the Internet industry. UK Online is 77 per cent owned by Olivetti. The other shareholders are Herman Houser, who designed the BBC Microcomputer, and Tim King, his associate. Both companies connect users to the Internet. Easynet says it has now attracted a subscriber base of 10,000 while UK Online is understood to have signed around 3,500 users.

Skyepharma drug rights

SKYEPHARMA, the pharmaceuticals company, paid \$1 million yesterday to acquire the American rights to six asthma and painkiller compounds from Genta-Jago Technologies, a drugs development venture it jointly owns. The compounds were described as "the pick of the bunch" of the 63 in Genta-Jago's portfolio. Skyepharma reported a pre-tax loss of £6 million in the year to July 31, against a loss of £10 million previously. Analysts expect the company to become profitable in 1998. The shares closed at 75½ p. up 1½ p.

Brooks Service ahead

BROOKS SERVICE, the textile rental company and retailer, is raising £600,000 through a private placing to fund last month's £385,000 acquisition of Hillside Services. The announcement came as the company returned record interim results, buoyed by a 55 per cent rise in operating profits from its workwear division. Pre-tax profits were £243,000 (£177,000) in the 26 weeks to June 30. Earnings were 1.35p a share (0.99p) and an interim dividend of 1.2p (1p) is payable

BT and Viag on track

BRITISH TELECOM and Viag. a German utility, are to proceed with plans to launch a competing telecoms service to Deutsche Telekom in spite of the loss on Wednesday of RWE. another German utility, from their alliance. BT and Viag will bid for the country's fourth mobile-phone licence and want another partner. Georg Obermeier, Viag's chairman, said the goal of BT and Viag is to win 20 per cent of the German mobile-phone market and 7 per cent of fixed network services. He said the partnership would break even in five years.

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posed link-up to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC). The per cent owned by News International, owner of The posed deal, estimated at £30 EC is studying the implica-Times, to double this year to £5 million, is subject to due tions of various alliances diligence and a further aninvolving European nouncement would be made Tempus, page 28 "as soon as practicable". Sainsbury shares hit new low BY CLARE STEWART SHARES of J Sainsbury, the been made by an institutional supermarket group, hit their investor. lowest level this year after a The biggest impact on the price came after a leading sector analyst cut his profit leading broker cut its profit forecast for the retailer and around 2 per cent of its shares forecasts for the group and changed hands following a downgraded his recommenlarge placing. At their lowest point the dation from "hold" to Tony MacNeary, of Nat-

shares fell 11p. to 353p, sliding below its previous low of 357p West Markets, has cut his this year. Earlier in the day 30 forecast for 1996-97 pre-tax million shares were placed at profits to £725 million, down 344p and sold on through SBC from £750 million, while for Warburg, the Sainsbury bro-1997-98 his estimate has ker. at 347p.

Although it was strongly dropped from £328 million to

E794 million. rumoured that the shares had Mr MacNeary said he had been placed by a member of made the changes because he the Sainsbury family, who was doubtful that Sainsbury hold 40 per cent of the group, could deliver the target of a 5 per cent increase in like-for-like sales in the second half. the retailer denied this and added that the placing had



Sainsbury: 'lagging behind'

He also feels that the company, whose chairman and chief executive is David Sainsbury, has not done enough to regain some of the ground taken by rivals such as 82p on the day.

Tesco. "There is no hard evidence that Sainsbury has developed a marketing offer that differentiates it from its competitors," Mr MacNeary

Sainsbury has been making increasingly heavy weather of challenging Tesco as the leading supermarket.In June, it announced its first drop in profits for 22 years, and shortly after launched its first loyalty card in a belated bid to match Tesco's successful Clubcard scheme.

Last month figures on market share in the second half showed Sainsbury falling back to 12.5 per cent, while Tesco's increased its share to 13.7 per cent.

At the close, Sainsbury shares stood at 3552p, down A CABLE & WIRELESS COMPANY

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☐ Uncertainties facing British Gas ☐ Liberty targets money-purchase schemes ☐ Yorkshire boss's Bournemouth shocker

IT is hard to imagine how things could get worse for British Gas. but on the evidence so far they probably will. Sending the debt collectors around to households blameless of any cross save wanting to how their me save wanting to buy their gas elsewhere might seem comical. Likewise the arrival on various doormats of bills for £10.7 million each might merely be a clever way out of the company's difficulties with ruinous North

Sea take-or-pay contracts. But both are part of seemingly endless public relations disasters that have distracted attention from the really important issue for British Gas, next spring's demerger into a pipelines, exploration and production business and the supply, retail and service side that most of us deal with. Because the first, dubbed TransCo International so far because no one can agree on names, is the successor company, there is no need to issue a prospectus. Probably as well, because one would make curious reading. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission will not have ended its inquiry into the rather crucial matter of how much the company can charge

for use of its pipelines. That is uncertainty one. The other business, for which a full prospectus will have to be prepared, faces another two, or just conceivably three. On the suppo-

Breaking up is hard to do

sition, highly speculative, that the billing chaos gets much worse British Gas Energy could one day have difficulty saying how much is owed by customers. Not likely, say insiders. There is also a largely overlooked pricing review into supply, with Clare Spottswoode, the regulator, expected to announce her first shot shortly. This could go to the MMC as well. Bet against it.

The third uncertainty is those take-or-pay contracts, and this will not go away before the spring. On one analysis, if these are fully enforced the company is bust, a view expressed some time back by the regulator. Directors who sign off the prospectus will have to confirm BGE's contin-uing viability, but don't expect too much detail.

All these uncertainties are

giving rise to a body of opinion that demerger should be de-layed, a view expressed even within the boardroom, according to reports. Not true, say insiders. It would be an enormous climbdown, but it would not be unthinkable.

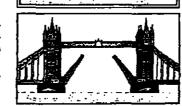
But it might not be necessary.

tion, there is the management time to carry out the huge amount of necessary paperwork. Two companies will be quoted come the spring but sharehold-ers, because of the above un-certainties, will find it difficult to assess their true worth. Too bad. Analysts may have to work a little harder, rather than having it all handed to them on a plate. But Eurotunnel investors have been there for months, holding shares in a company it was impossible, until this week, to value rationally. British Gas shareholders may have to take the same long view. But it would not be the end of the world.

Proud parents: big infant

☐ "A NEW child born the size of a colossus" is how Alastair Ross Goobey, chief executive of Hermes, describes the new insurance company he has created with the help of Liberty Inter-national. Well not quite. Beside the gargantuan Prudential, with £8.5 billion of gross annual premium income, Hermes Lib-

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erty International Pensions (HLIP) still looks a tiddler. Its only client at present is the BT Pension Scheme, and with no new premium income coming in and the usual business start-up costs, HLIP is unlikely to make a profit in its first year.

Still, few new companies begin life with such a comforting wad of money already in the coffers, and Donald Gordon, Liberty's chairman, has enough experience of the industry to know the scale of the competition he faces.

HLIP is chasing business from company pension schemes, some of which are run by in-house fund managers while others have been broken up or closed down and are farmed out to be managed by the mightiest names

in the City, including names such as BZW and MAM.

Faced with demographic changes and rising costs, trustees of corporate schemes are increasingly opting for new-style money-purchase pension schemes. Unlike the old-style final salary schemes, where the final pension was linked to earnings, these schemes are dependent on how wisely an employee's contributions have been invested and how the fund has performed.

Not all the traditional pension providers can offer these newer schemes, and it is this gap in the market which HLIP is hoping to fill. Some of the merchant banks have spotted it too, and have taken steps to create their own new life insurance arms.

The deal makes sense for both

Hermes and Liberty. Hermes can offer pooled index-tracking and actively managed funds to Liberty, which in turn can provide the administrative backing that pensions business requires.

The joint venture has also

thrown up opportunities for fund managers to look after property, cash and active global equity

portfolios for Liberty's existing pensions arm. Among those tipped are Fidelity and MAM. Expect news within weeks.

The morning after

☐ FUNNY places, party conferences, and many a career has been blighted by an unguarded comment. It is normally aspiring politicians who read reports of their deeds with horror the next morning, but the latest to suffer is Malcolm Chatwin, chief executive of Yorkshire Electricity.

At a fringe meeting in Bournemouth to talk about utilities regulation, Mr Charwin livened up a dull evening, and who wouldn't be tempted to, with an assessment of how much his company was worth, according to a wire service report the next morning. Callers offering nine quid or more would not be wasting their time, he said with a sly wink. He then stripped to his underpants and said he would be

voting for the Referendum Party. Actually, I made the last bit up. The first bit, about offers of

19 or more, the wire service made up, according to Yorkshire's shocked spokesman the next day. Of course, publicly hawking your company around the place is both undignified and against any number of boring

against any number of boring
Stock Exchange rules.

But directors are required to
get the highest price for
shareholders, and Yorkshire's
might be glad to see upwards of
£9, especially since plans for a
£120 million special payout fell
foul of the Inland Revenue.
Perhaps Mr Chatwin should not
be quite so embarrassed about be quite so embarrassed about the suggestion.

Fringe banking

HERE is a serious business proposition. The Pennington Investment Bank, operating from a small rock in the Gulf of Panama, would like to look after your money for you. Forget all the regulatory bureaucracy, and don't worry about the Medellin cocaine cartel a few miles away we're on the Internet, we're talking the cutting edge of hightech finance here. The Bank of England has just had to warn investors about a similar scheme. This is based in Antigua, an odd place to do business although it seems to appeal to the Chechen mafia. And how much silly money is already winging

Boots set to make strides beyond UK

By Sarah Cunningham

small number of stores are

expected to open there. All the

overseas stores will be run on

a trial basis and for an

"prudent, gradual and long-term". He added: "We have

undertaken an exhaustive review and identified three countries which we believe

offer good prospects for Boots

stores. The purpose of opening these pilot stores is to carry out

a throrough evaluation of the

commercial opportunities and operational issues before con-

sidering the scope for further

investment in these countries

That and Dutch Boots stores would closely resemble the

British model. Merchandise

will include international

brands, local products and

Boots pulled out of unsatis-factory overseas retailing op-erations in New Zealand, Canada and France several

years ago. Like many other UK retailers, Boots began to

look overseas again because it

perceived that there was a

relative lack of opportunities

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in the home market.

Boots own brands.

The company said that the

Lord Blyth said that the company's approach would be

indeterminate period.

BOOTS is to expand its retailing business beyond Britain's shores and plans to spend £30 million over the next 18 months opening branches in The Netherlands, Thailand and Japan.

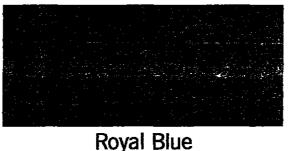
Lord Blyth, deputy chair-man and chief executive of Boots, yesterday signed an agreement to set up a joint venture with the Minor Group, a Thai conglomerate, to open five Boots stores by the summer of next year. Four will be in the Bangkok area and one in Pattaya.

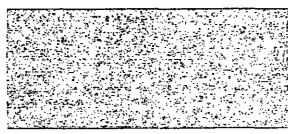
Martyn Bell, previously

merchandise and marketing director of Halfords, Boots's retail subsidiary, will be managing director partnership.

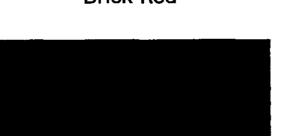
Three stores will opened in The Netherlands next summer. Eva, a Dutch healthcare provider, will supply in-store pharmacy services. by-passing Dutch restrictions on corporations owning pharmacies. Boots will handle the rest of the retailing side. The Dutch operation will be managed by Peter Stone, previously director of store planning for Boots the Chemists.

No details were given about plans for Japan, though an announcement would be made "shortly". A similarly Lemon Yellow





Brick Red



Prussian Blue

Burnt Sienna

Bright Lime

Light Mauve

Minty Green

Hot Pink

Chrome Orange



Imperial Purple

Shell plans polyethylene joint venture

SHELL International Chemishell international Chemicals is merging its polyethylene interests into a joint venture with BASF to create
one of the lop three polyethylene producers in Europe (Carl
Mortished writes).

Shell has signed a nonbinding letter of intent to form

50/50 joint venture combin-

a 50/50 joint venture combining Rheinische Olefinwerke Wesseling and BASF's poly-ethylene activities. It said that the venture would take over Montell's assets in France and the UK and would have polyethylene capacity of 1.4 million tonnes per annum.

The joint venture will be subject to regulatory approval and is intended to improve Shell and BASF's competitive position in polyethylene, which is used in plastic bags and extrusion products.

Etam opts for £5m revamp

ETAM, the women's fashion retailers, is to spend up to £5 million revamping its stores and will launch an extensive advertising campaign in an attempt to stem its losses, which at the half year reached £5.76 million (Sarah Cunning-

ham writes).
Sales in the six months to
August 10 fell to £94.5 million. compared with £106.7 million a year ago, when the company made a pre-tax loss of £3.85

A new logo and corporate colours will be introduced to all 221 stores by the end of this month while Jerry Hall and Marie Helvin, the models, Sharon Davies and Diane Udal, the TV performers, and Lesley and Debbie Ash, the actress sisters, will advertise the Etam brand.

Barium Yellow

Pastel Pink

Peacock Blue

Oyster Beige

Mid Blue

Dale Green



Saddle Brown



Sky Blue

Soft Peach

. N Brown pulls ahead

By Sarah Cunningham

N BROWN, the catalogue retailing company that specialises in larger sized clothing, unveiled a sparkling would still be very interested. The company made a pre-tax profit of £16 million, up 27.4 per cent, on turnover up 22.9 set of interim results yesterday, sending its shares 5 per

cent higher to 421p. The company, chaired by Sir David Alliance, which last year failed in a bid to take over Littlewoods, said that a lack of major targets meant that it would concentrate on organic growth and acquisi-tions of smaller mail order

companies. However, Jim Martin, chief executive, said that were would still be very interested. per cent, on turnover up 22.9 per cent to £131.4 million in the six months to August 31.

Earnings per share were up 25.2p to 7.35p and the interim dividend has been raised 25

per cent to 2p.
Sir David said that catalogues for younger customers had produced a 39 per cent increase in turnover. Sales of menswear were also strong and now accounted for 9 per

cent of business. Analysts increased their the Littlewoods family ever to decide to sell up. N Brown

Grey Green

Glacier Blue

Well Read





Inflation worries send shares below 4,000 level

SHARE prices dipped back below the 4,000 level and government securities suffered falls of up to £1 as the spectre of higher inflation came back to haunt investors.

An unexpected half-point rise in inflation during September and further suggestions that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, might decide to tighten monetary policy caught investors on the hop.

At one stage, the FT-SE 100 index was 28 points lower as the Dow Jones industrial average opened with double-figure falls. But it halved these losses by the close, ending 14.6 points down at 3,994.7.

The appearance of several large lines of stock boosted the total number of shares traded to 915 million. Geneal selling pressure proved minimal. J Sainsbury suffered a dou-

ble whammy, with the price falling 82p to 3552p after a large chunk of the shares changed hands and one broker followed it up with a profits downgrade.

SBC Warburg, the broker, placed a line of 30 million shares, or almost 2 per cent of the company, with various clients at 347p. By the close of business 58 million Sainsbury shares had changed hands, suggesting that not all of them had been taken up. The finger of suspicion immediately fell on the Sainsbury family as the seller of the stock, but the company was quick to deny

such suggestions. A short while later NatWest Securities, the broker, cut its forecast by £25 million to £725 million and reduced its recommendation from a "hold" to reduce". It was joined by Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, which says the shares are a "sell"

The market also had to digest a large line of stock in TI Group as Mannesmann. its biggest shareholder, decided to unload its near 9 per cent holding. SBC Warburg also had a hand in this placing alongside Cazenove and UBS. Between them they disposed of 42 million shares at 532p on behalf of the German engineering group. The sale has raised a total of £223 million. The original 5 per cent stake was bought in 1989 for about E40 million. Mannesmann said it continued to have every confidence in the management. TI finished the session 8p cheaper at 5565p as Ill million shares were traded.

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John Carter, of Commercial Union, saw the shares rise

spots. Commericial Union, of which John Carter is chief executive, climbed 19p to 6-15p as no less than four brokers came out with positive comments on the company. Cazenove, Goldman Sachs, BZW and Lehman Brothers have all rated the shares a "buy". BZW says the shares could be worth up to 800p

from NatWest Securities. Burmah Castrol came under selling pressure, with the price falling 205p to Ell 035 after Kleinwort Benson, the broker, was reckoned to have turned

cautious on the stock. Signs of recovery enabled Etam to shrug off increased losses at the interim stage, with the price rising 2p to each. Speculators have been 1572 p. Pre-tax losses grew

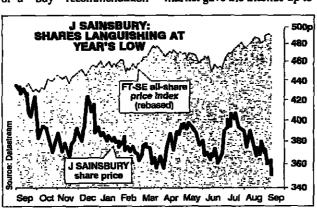
Kelsey Industries tumbled 105p to 355p in response to another profits warning sneaked out after the market closed on Wednesday. It succeeded in wiping £3.2 million from the group's stock market value of £14.1 million. Profits for the full year are expected to be significantly below last year's E3.1 million.

waiting for CU to follow the lead of Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance and merge with another of the composites.

In the past there has also been talk of a possible bid from the likes of Allianz, the German insurer. Royal Sun Alliance was 6p dearer at 41812p by the close, while Guardian Royal Exchange put on 7p at 265p with the help of a "buy" recommendation

from £3.8 million to £5.75 million with Nick Bubb, of MeesPierson, forecasting losses for the full year reduced to £1 million. Brokers said that they were willing to give the new management the benefit of the doubt.

Blacks Leisure continued to benefit from this week's profits upgrade from MeesPierson with a rise of 9p to 282 2p. The market gave the thumbs up to



Brown, the mail order retailer, with the price climbing 22p to 421p. In the first six months pre-tax profits grew from £12.5 million to £16 million, with brokers forecasting about £36 million for the full year. Tokyo: Nikkel Averag Hong Kong:

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Specualtive buying contin-ued to drive Leigh Interests. the waste disposal group, higher with the price adding 212p at 129p, just a couple of pence short of the year's high. There has been talk about a possible bid from Severn Frent, unchanged at 6022p.

BTG hit a new high with a rise of 175p at £25.62½ after given a presentation to brokers to discuss its joint venture with Ford Torotrak. Brokers came away impressed with what they heard.

Reduced losses from SkycPharma at the interim stage were given a cautious welcome by brokers as the price firmed 12p to 752p. The deficit was £6 million compared with almost £10 million

Lavendon got off to a confident start in first-time trading. Shares in the group, which supplies powered access equipment used to replace scaffolding, were placed at 140p and started life at 145p. After touching a high for the day of 1492p, they settled at 14712, a premium of 712 p.

Shares of Richards Group were suspended at 812 p pending clarification of the company's financial position. GILT-EDGED: The latest inflation numbers focused investors' attention back on the uncertain outlook for interest

rates as the market's recent

strong run hit the buffers. Losses of up to £1 were recorded at the ultra long end of the market, with setbacks for other European markets only exacerbating the

In the futures pit, the December series of the Long Gilt retreated £4 to finish at contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £2932 at £1012932, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £1132 worse off

□ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks were little changed at from a morning sell-off triggered by stronger than expect ed labour data. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average 5.923.91.

MAJOR INDICES TEMPUS New York (midday): Expensive boutique

THEY do things differently in the City. A new team of bright and bushy-tailed advisers will soon be walking into cavernous entrance hall of NatWest Markets in Bishopsgate, home of the bank's corporate finance department. The clearer has paid a handsome sum to buy the 40-strong team that makes up Hambro

beef up NatWest's second division operation. Essentially, this is a management buy-in and it makes some sense. A price of £2 million per employee is suggested by some which seems enormous and almost equals the \$135 million paid for Gleacher, the US corporate finance acquired by NatWest last year. However, given the bank's determination to

invest in this risky market, shareholders

Magan, a highly successful corporate finance

boutique. Hambro has its name associated

with some big ticket mergers and the idea is to

would prefer it paid £80 million for Hambro. ratherthan several billion for Schroders.

Outside the City, in the dreary world of manufacturing, news of such an acquisition would arouse fear in the hearts of existing employees. They would correctly predict redundancies after the purchase of an identical but more profitable business. Why keep two factories - one first-class and one third-rate - when a single plant will suffice?

But the corporate financiers who dream up such deals would not be so foolish as to subject themselves to such a fate. Instead costs are likely to increase. New arrangements have been put in place — a partnership structure - and no one is to go. For the benefit of clients, in the marbled entrance hall at Bishopsgate should be writ large: Don't do as I do, do as I say.

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Tottenham

ACCORDING to Alan Sugar, the financial crisis at Tottenham Hotspur was so great when he took control of the football dub there was a danger of shutting up shop and turning the ground at White Hart Lane into a Tesco superstore. Four and a half years on. Spurs is a strong, well run business which is clearly undervalued by the market.

How has the Amstrad tycoon managed to do this? Essentially by being stingy. Sugar is a man who counts every penny, a point which is not lost on the legions of fans who are wondering when he will dip into his pocket to purchase some new players. The club's figures show

the group is at last, after

at £7.3 million. This should shares slipped 22p to 439p rise quickly in the next couple of years as TV reveyesterday. The only cloud on the horizon is the team's poor nue and sponsorship income soars, although the escalatform: relegation would be a ing player wages should take the shine of this a little. When pay-per-view SPURS

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Boots

BOOTS is such a very British retailer that hearts might sink at news of overseas expansion. The company has tried it before - opening and closing in Canada and New Zealand in the Eighties. It also withdrew from a French venture that failed to measure up. But the company is probably right to have a go in the Far East.

Boots is one of many retailers facing a slowdown in domestic expansion because of shrinking opportunities for new stores. Other big retailers such as Marks & Spencer and Sainsbury have already made investments in foreign waters; in that context the Boots plans are modest, although no less

important. The Dutch market is attractive for Boots because, unlike many other continental European countries, it has relaxed rules on the ownership of multiple pharmaceutical outlets. Japan is already

popular with British retailers while Thailand has its attractions: a growing middle class, urban population.

Nevertheless Boots is taking a risk in attempting to transplant the Boots image, style and shop format directly into a foreign shopping culture. The strategy is more low-key this time - it is investing £30 million into pilot schemes, a sign that it has learnt from its mistakes and the experience of others.

Mountview

MOUNTVIEW Estates hides its light under a bushel but among the residential property investment community. it is well known. Bradford Property Trust, a rival, is enough of a fan to have picked up 9 per cent of the company on Wednesday at about £13 per share.

Thinly traded and with over half of the company controlled by the Sinclair family. Mountview shares have bounced around the Ell mark for almost two years. However, there is good reason to believe they could now be on the move. It is one of the largest investors in rent-controlled housing, buying estates at auctions and selfing the flats and houses as

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they become vacant. Rents are way below commercial levels, but rising local authorities have been authorising biennial rent increases of 20 per cent in order to catch up with the open market. At the same time, the London housing market is looking more lively. The book value of Mountview's housing stock puts the company's net asset value at £12-£13 but a revaluation of the stock would put the value near £20 and, with vacant possession. higher still.

Mountview would fit neatly into Bradford and the former company's board is not youthful. If the stock becomes available, it is worth tucking

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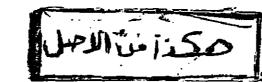
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Initial thoughts on new Labour

ALASTAIR Ross Goobey.

chief executive of Hermes investment Management, was in ebullient mood as he opened the press conference to announce a new force in the UK pensions industry. Recalling his past attendances at Conservative party conferences as special adviser to the Chancellor during the late eighties and early nineties, he said: "This day ten years ago I was walking down the hill towards the conference centre with Nigel Lawson. I was working for him at the time and he was about to make his speech. Five years ago 1 was with Norman Lamont when I was working for him, and he was about to make his green shoots speech. The only initials NL these days are new Labour, so I'm here instead."

Lens lament

A TOUCH of vanity yesterday from the ever so dapper Donald Gordon. chairman of Liberty International Holdings, as he delivered details of the deal with Hermes. Halfway through the speech. Gordon stopped, sighed and reached for his spectacles. "I am afraid I am going to have to use my glasses after all," he said, to ripples of laughter. Turning to press photographers, he sighed: "But I wish they wouldn't photo-

IN AN attempt to bring in the bucks before the opening of the extension to the Jubilee Line, Railtrack is renting out storage space under London Bridge Station for themed parties. At course meal, or £55 per head for sparkling wine and canapes, partygoers can celebrate the Christmas season with Arabian musicians, a belly dancer, sand dancers, and a palm



sent you the world's largest gas bill"

Hole of the wall

HAVING failed to break open an automatic cash dispenser, even with the aid of an earth-moving mechanical digger, thieves in Estrees-Saint Denis. France, brought down the wall in which the cash box was set, and fled.

Good account

THE best looking, if not the most expensive, annual report has landed. It's a children's picture book by Adaptec. the Californian technology company, that tells the story of Molly. Wally, and their dog Data. Entitled ABCBD (All About Being Connected to Data). the plot is a little complicated, but the colour pictures are great.

Right plaice

WHERE did John Major choose to celebrate his star turn at the Conservative party conference on Wednesdav evening? After stripping down to his shirt sleeves during questions on the platform at Bournemouth, the Prime Minister and his wife set off for their reward - fish and chips à deux at Harry Ramsden's, a favourite of Arthur Scargill and Neil Kinnock, Fellow diners gave the couple a standing ovation.

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ECONOMIC VIEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

Exporters should start their prayers before sterling soars

Britain's next

Chancellor could be lulled into

a false sense of security

re the good times already over? Yesterday Kenneth Clarke told the Tories in Bournemouth that the British economy is "in its best condition ever in our lifetime", that ours is the modern, enterprise model that others follow: and that John Major's Gov-ernment had finally discovered "the recipe for national success". But with all due respect to the Chancellor, who has shown himself an able and generally honest steward of the nation's affairs, the last few items of objective information about the economy could hardly be called good news.

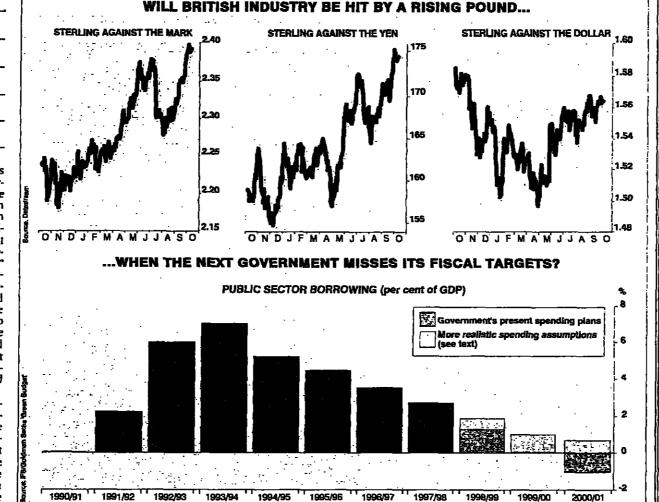
Yesterday we saw underlying inflation accelerating, albeit slightly. Last week, we had grim figures on manufacturing output which suggest that Britain's exporters are suffering not only from the weakness of the European economy but also from the recent recovery of the pound. Last Friday there was the

Bank of England's open demand for an increase in interest rates. There was more bad news on Wednesday in the annual Green Budget pub-lished by the Institute for Fiscal Studies and Goldman Sachs. This showed that even the "modest" £2 billion to £3 billion of tax cuts expected from Mr Clarke would make Britain's long-term predicament considerably worse.

But the worst news of all has come from the place that is the burial ground for the reputations of British Chancellors -Mr Clarke is only the second Chancellor since 1964 not to have had his policies ruined by a currency crisis (the other was Roy Jenkins). Judging by sterling's recent performance, however, the next Government, whetever its political stripe, could face a major problem with sterling - and it will be a problem that can partly be blamed on the tax cuts and public spending plans likely to be announced by Mr Clarke.

The problem 1 refer to is, of course, that the pound will be too strong. Regular readers of these columns will need no reminding that overly strong currencies have done far more economic damage over the years than unduly weak ones - not only was this true in Britain in the early 1980s and again in the ERM period, but also in America, Japan and most recently Germany and France.

The danger to Britain now is that sterling may be about to break out above the key "technical" level of El to DM2.40. This is an important resistance level in the charts used by most currency speculators and traders. In itself, it may seem no disaster. The trouble is that if the pound reaches DM2.50 before the general election, it could take off like a



rocket after a stable new government is formed.

What makes the prospect of an overly-strong pound more than just a whimsical notion is the new mix of monetary and fiscal policies that the next British government is almost certain to adopt. Regardless of whether the next Prime Minister is Tony Blair or John Major, the next Chancellor is likely to find six Treasury briefing notes at the top of his in-tray when he sits down at his desk in Great George Street in May 1997. The items of news 1 mentioned at what these memos will be

First, the new Chancellor will see that inflation, while still moderate, is accelerating away from the 2.5 per cent target - with nothing in sight to suggest why this trend might spontaneously go into reverse. Secondly, he will find that consumer spending is growing strongly, even if manufacturing output remains disappointingly weak. Thirdly, e will be told that the Bank of England is clamouring even more stridently than before the election for an increase in base rates, and his Treasury team will advise him that the Governor has a point (qv earlier memos on inflation and consumer demand).

Fourthly, and most importantly, he will learn from his officials that the public finances are considerably worse than the Budget had projected. Every pre-election Budget in history has erred on the side of optimism about the trends in public spending and tax revenues. Even assuming that Mr Clarke resists completely the temptation to spice up his last Budget with a bit of creative accounting, the IFS Green Budget clearly suggests what is likely to go wrong.

The public spending plans

laid out in the last Budget which the Chancellor's Cabinet colleagues have probably agree to stick to in the summer expenditure review - assumed the lowest growth rate

of real public expenditure achieved by any government in living memory. In fact, the planned total growth of real public spending in the three years from April 1996 onwards is only one eighth of the growth in the three years after the 1992 election and one quarter of the growth after the 1987 election. To believe that would actually be hit by a Tory government returning to office is difficult.

o think that a new Labour government would feel absolutely bound by Tory plans which were so manifestly unrealistic would be stretching credulity to breaking point. By the time the election is over, it should be crystal clear that the public spending targets will be overshot. "That, Chancellor, is the bad news," the Permanent Secretary will tell him. "But these other two memos have some good news that should help to brighten up your first day in the job. This paper here shows that even with spending overshooting the last Government's targets, the budget deficit is not going to expand too much. The other memo is from the Bank of England. It says that their dealers are seeing heavy buy orders for sterling from New York, Zurich and Tokyo. So. as long as we don't make the Governor too angry and we don't let the vernin in the press get too excited about the overshoot in public spending, we won't consumption rising, while the higher PSBR puts more pres-

sure on the economy, there really is no alternative to taking the Governor's advice. We will have to raise interest rates. And with the kind of enthusiasm we're seeing for sterling assets, a bit of a monetary tightening will really do financial and consumer confidence no harm,"

It will be at this point that the new Chancellor could be lulled into a false sense of security and the seeds for Britain's next economic crisis could be sown. The IFS Green Budget lays out some figures cellor might feel relaxed about the overshoot in public borrowing — and thereby do the economy permanent harm. The Green Budget shows

two scenarios for public borrowing (see bottom chart). The first is based on the present official asusmption that public spending will grow by only 0.75 per cent a year in real terms and will therefore shrink rapidly in relation to the economy. This would in theory reduce the PSBR to zero by 1999-2000 and produce a budget surplus the following year. The second scenario is based on the more realistic (though in my view still overoptimistic assumption) that public spending will grow at the economy's trend rate of real economic growth, assumed to be 2.25 per cent. If this happens, public spending and borrowing will still shrink as a proportion of GDP, since the economy should grow faster than 2.25 per cent in the next few years. But the deficit will contract to only 1.1 per cent of GDP in 1999-2000 and 0.6 per cent of GDP in 2000-01.

Because the overshoot in public spending and borrowment will see no reason to impose an immediate auster-

Old-World assault on **New World**

Tunku Varadarajan looks at a luxury

goods company with family values

nrique Loewe Lynch, a soft-voiced Span-iard of mixed Irish and German descent, has every reason to purr contentedly. Loewe, the Spanish leather goods, fashion and perfume company of whose board of directors he is chairman, has completed 150 years of elegant existence and is gearing itself up for a serious assault on the European and American markets.

With an annual turn-over of \$200 million and an enviable reputation for Old-World craftsmanship, Loewe (pronounced "loway-vay) was acquired earlier this year by Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy. the French luxury goods group that also owns Dior and Givenchy. Louis Vuitton Moët

Hennessy, which had a 23 per cent stake in the company, is believed to have paid about \$160 million for the 77 per cent needed to give it full ownership.

Yet Senor Loewe, the fourth generation of the

leather goods shop in Madrid's Calle Lobo in 1846, that the company should ing "family"

values. He said: "We are a small team, with a sense of loyalty to our traditional methods, and LVMH will certainly not tamper with the essence of

ty Turlington, Naomi Campbell, Yasmin Le Bon and the other supermodels who adom the pages of the fashion magazines.

chic is created painstakingly by the company's 1,000 employees, many of them traditional craftsmen, who put products at workshops in

Señor Loewe said: "Many of our master-craftsmen are descended from fathers and grandfathers who worked with the company. I am not the only member of the long Loewe family.

forefront of international

quality. If the Hispano-Suiza was recognised at the turn of the century as one of the finest cars of its time. Loewe's leather goods, in particular its handbags, more than hold their own against Prada. Gueci and Vuitton.

The company's goods have a particularly devoted following in Japan and Hong Kong where the Loewe marque is sought avidly by gift-givers and receivers alike.

Yet of the 55 retail outlets international distributor, the very first was set up in London in 1965 in Jermyn

But Loewe is determined to return to the New World German clan that estab- and to break into the Gerlished a small ____ man and Ital-

> **6** Its image is represented by the supermodels who adorn the fashion pages 9

that image." Loewe's glamorous image is best represented by Chris-

But such contemporary

Today Loewe's luxury goods are arguably the first examples since the Hispano-Suiza of a Spanish manufactured product being at the outside Spain, run by Loewe International, the group's Street. The showroom was later moved to New Bond Street.

However, a vital market in which the company lacks a presence is America. An over-ambitious showroom, set up in New York's Trump Tower in 1983, failed for want of proper publicity and

ian markets. Señor Loewe said: "Italy is where we question of self-esteem. Leather is well understood

by the Italians and I suppose there is the satisfaction of doing well in the lion's

Loewe has prospered by emphasising the Iberian origins of European leatherwork. Under Moorish rule, Cordoba was the main centre for production and Spain has always been known as the "kingdom of

Yet the grey years when General Franco was in power took their toll and there is no doubt that the country image problem in the international luxury market.

This has diminished substantially with Spain's reincorporation into the European mainstream and its adoption of western standards of quality control.

Senor Loewe said: 'Our intention is to give Spain the image it deserves." He added: "Very few today know how to use 19th-century skills to cater to 20th-century tastes. But we are experts."

ing will be only moderate (at the pound. With inflation and least at first), the new Govern-

Gas safety liability issue leaves domestic users at risk

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BUSINESS LETTERS

From Mr C. H. Morgans Sir. Now that the Directorthe works is plausible opinion that provisions under the General of Ofgas has some time on her hands while the Health and Safety at Work Act Monopolies and Mergers cannot be lawfully extended people decide whether the outside the limits of commersafety of the national gas grid cial employer/employee con-ditions or beyond the strict is more important than 96p a definition of business-to-busiweek off domestic consumer bills, perhaps she could turn ness relationships.

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The monumental and unacher attention to another much more important facet of gas consumer concern by sorting out the liability shambles created by contentious gas afety regulation, putting approximately 16 million domestic gas consumers into potential triple jeopardy in the event of any sort of combustion incident. The problem arises because the Health and Safety Comtions" to those which might mission produced Gas Safety apply if gas safety regulation (Installation and Use) Regulawas universally effective

tions with ACOP and other under civil as well as commerguidance notes under the cial law. Health and Safety at Work Act which clearly implicate private domestic consumers, and many trading in or with the PDC sector, in statutory prohibitions and duties which, as

ceptable ambiguity thus engendered puts a big question mark over liability and insurance factors for both domestic consumers and anyone else implicated in what may in fact still be a fundamentally "unregulated" private sector, requiring quite different protective "terms and condi-

Right now everyone involved is in an invidious position, and the only potential beneficiary from the confusion is, wait for it ... the

insurance industry. If Mrs Spottiswoode can clear this one up she will have 163 Covington Way, SW16.

done more for consumers. artisans and national gas safe-ty objectives than British Gas, the HSE and Corgi put together, though it is somehow doubted that the insurance industry will be giving her a £100.000 bonus. Yours faithfully.

C. H. MORGANS. Combustion Safety Assessment Services. 115 Woodcote Valley Road. Purley, Surrey. From Ms Sheila Widra

Sir. The British Gas fiasco continues! I have just received a red notice dated September 23, threatening supply cut-off unless I pay a bill for £130.24 outstanding since June 13. This, despite the fact that my bill for £105.27 was paid in June and I am currently in credit with British Gas for some £35. There has been no letter of apology and all telephone calls remain unanswered. Will I be able to trust the amount of the next bill? Yours faithfully SHEILA WIDRA.

Service hotline in working order From Mr Paul Jacques

Sir, While I have every sympathy for Mr Ford (Business letters, October 4) I must in fairness to British Gas record my experiences of late. On Friday, September 27

my boiler was failing to ignite. I telephoned British Gas early in the morning; an engineer called later that day and carried out a repair. Unfortunately the boiler failed again during the night and I had to call British Gas again on the Saturday. The engineer was there before midday, carried out a temporary repair and said that the part would be ordered. We have received information that the new part will be fitted this coming I am not sure whether a

reply to service numbers depends on the location but certainly British Gas cannot be faulted in this area. Yours faithfully, PAUL JACQUES. 80 Bilton Road. Rugby, Warwickshire.

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new and unpopular cuts in

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its election promise not to raise

taxes, the Government will

simply tolerate higher public

borrowing. The financial mar-

kets, for their part, are hardly

likely to panic at the sight of

the sort of figures presented in

the Green Budget. As long as

the PSBR is still moving

downwards - however slowly

- confidence in sterling will

On the contrary, the mar-

certainly not be undermined.

the very few countries in the

world proposing to combine a

moderate loosening of fiscal

policy with a tightening of

monetary policies. The mar-kets have discovered that this

policy mix can act as a sort of

rocket fuel for currencies, ca-

pable of carrying them to undreamt of heights. If you

are an exporter you should

start praying that the next

Chancellor wakes up before

this happens to sterling - or

think about an acquisition in

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Conran plans return to NY

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

SIR Terence Conran is planning a return to New York after years of absence with a restaurant and furniture store in a major new development to be built at the foot of Manhattan's Queensboro Bridge.

The new restaurant is the first he has planned outside Britain and represents an important development in Conran's international business expansion. Since his Storehouse group sold the furniture chain in New York several years ago he has shied away from new business ventures there, despite opening successful outlets in cities such as Paris and Tokyo. Last month he opened Conran shops in Hamburg, and Fukuoka in Japan. Conran Holdings insid-

ers said the problem had mainly been finding the right site in Manhattan. He plans a 10,000 square foot restaurant in the development which was this week given planning consent.

tigious tenant in the large development known as the Bridgemarket, a former



Conran: expansion

fruit and vegetable market that has fallen into disrepair through years of ne-glect. The building's spectacular vaulted ceilings are more than 100 feet high. The plans are for the restaurant to float on a mezzanine floor, suspended at one end of the development. Next to it

The developer is Sheldon Gordon, the Las Vagas resort mogul who has waged a long campaign to be allowed to renovate the site. The scheme has been opposed for 20 years by residents of Sutton Place, an upmarket area of Manhattan inhabited by millionaires and celebrities. They fear an increase in traffic caused by the development would spoil the area.



THE joint chief executives of David Brown Group. the specialist engineering company, have redefined their roles to fill the gap left by the abrupt departure this summer of Sir Terence Harrison, former nonexecutive chairman, after only six months in the job

Cook, left, has taken over as chairman, with Chris payment for the balance of Sir Terence's three-year contract "won't be far short" of a six-figure sum.

David Brown reported a 33 per cent leap in pre-tax profits to £8.7 million for the six months to August 2. on turnover up 28 per cent to £90.8 million. Earnings

per share climbed 21 per cent to 9p, while the dividend, payable on November 21, was raised from 2.4p to 2.65p. The results, in line with expectations reflected mixed conditions. Profits at the industrial gears division climbed 48 per cent, pumps profits jumped 63 per cent and profits in the mobile equipment drives business increased by 15 per cent.

American Ir£60m growth in Dublin fuels Irish jobs boom

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

JOHN BRUTON, the Irish Taoiseach, yesterday confirmed that 3Com, the Americreate 775 jobs in Dublin.

The company is to spend Ir£60 million to expand its research and manufacturing operations at its Blanchardstown plant on the outskirts of the city to bring the total workforce there to 1,200.

Earlier this week Fidelity Investments, one of the

the first standalone health club

chain to come to the market

next Wednesday, when it floats

on the Alternative Investment

The company has raised E8

million from the placing, which

it will use to boost its portfolio

of clubs from six to 25. It was

formed in 1992 when Michael

Balfour and Christopher

Pearce, managing director and chairman, paid £800,000 for a

Bournemouth health club, with

Market valued at £22 million.

FITNESS FIRST will become £331,000 to £2.68 million since

world's largest fund managers, said it wants to set up its new European technology headquarters in Dublin, creating 400 new jobs.

And Sandoz. the Swissbased pharmaceutical comannounced a Ir£60 million investment to create a further 100 jobs at its manufacturing plant in Cork. The company already has a workforce of 250 at the site. Dublin is awash with ru-

1993 and the company broke

into profit last year, making

£504,000 before tax. Profits of

£700,000 are expected in the

will become paper million-

aires: both retain a 16 per cent

stake. Mr Pearce is also chief

executive of Electrophoretics. an AIM-listed biochemical

stock. Henderson Croswaite

has placed ten million shares

of Fitness First with institu-

tions at 80p each, at the higher

Mr Balfour and Mr Pearce

year to October 31.

mours of even bigger job announcements to come. One government source boasted: Next week is shaping up very well indeed." The new investments are expected to be in the computer-related, tele-marketing and pharmaceutical sec-tors. The Industrial Development Association, Ire-

land's job-creation agency. has confirmed that it is close to

signing an agreement with

Citibank to create a 700-job

administration centre in Dublin. The IDA is prepared to in grant aid to move all of its European back-office administration to Dublin.

If the move goes ahead it will mark the first major success of the IDA's new marketing campaign to persuade major international banking groups to centralise their European back-office ac-

In spite of the fact that Ireland is now attracting more than 30 per cent of all new US Europe, and is making major advances in the financial services sector, its unemployment rate of 12.5 per cent is still one of the highest in Europe.

One of the reasons for the stubbornly high rate is the huge number of Irish people returning to take up the new

Fitness First to float Albert Fisher sale on AIM next week By Fraser Nelson

than expected price,

FERGUSON International Holdings, which recently sold all but its label division. said yesterday that the divestment had boosted profitability and nearly eliminated debt

Pre-tax profits rose to £5.99 million (£5.63 million) in the six months to August 31, as margins recovered to 8.7 per cent (6.7 per cent). Earnings were 10.1p per share (8.5p), boosted by the sharp drop in interest payments. With borrowings at £2.02 million (£28.1 million), gearing fell to 6 per cent (76 per cent). The interim

Denis Cassidy, chairman,

ALBERT FISHER, the food distribution group, has finalised the long-awaited sale of AFD, its North American business, realising a higher

It is to sell AFD for a total consideration of £73.5 million to a new company, set up by Rosecliff, a New York merchant bank. The deal com-prises £57.5 million in cash and £16 million in loan notes. Albert Fisher will subscribe for 20 per cent of the equity at a cost of £3.2 million.

The disposal concludes the shake-up at Albert Fisher. to higher added-value businesses such as seafood, as well

as food processing in the UK. The group said that further

growth potential. AFD, which is made up of 25 Canada, made profits of £5 million in the year to August,

of AFD tops £73m

Year-end results from Albert Fisher are due next week and analysts are looking for pretax profits before exceptional items of around £41 million,

up from £39.5 million in 1995. The US disposal will increase the level of exceptional items. however, to around £150 million for the year after taking on board a large amount of reversible goodwill Gearing is expected to fall from around 90 per cent to 60

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Maunders payout held after downturn

JOHN MAUNDERS GROUP, the housebuilder with operations in the North West, the Midlands and the south of England, is holding the total dividend at 5.7p a share after suffering a downturn in profits to £4.5 million before tax from £7 million in the year to June 30. The company said that the results reflected the difficult trading conditions that prevailed for much of the year. Although conditions had improved in the South since spring, a recovery had yet to be felt in other parts of the country. Earnings fell to 12.07p a share from 18.82p. The final dividend is held at 3.25p a share, due on November 28. The shares were unchanged at 1934 p.

The company reported that turnover fell to £67.8 million from £76 million, with the number of completions dropping to 1.001 from 1.089. The average selling price of homes fell slightly to £68.000 from £70.000. A partexchange facility was used in respect of 34 per cent of house sales, against 25 per cent previously. The bank value of Maunders's land rose to E34.4 million from £31.9 million. representing 1.800 plots, with a further 570 under contract. The company maintains a land supply to meet demand for the next 30 months. John Maunders, chairman, said that current land prices, particularly in the South, were too high in relation to the eventual selling price of new homes.

Richards Group halted

SHARES of Richards Group, the engineering company based in Birmingham, were suspended at 8'ap yesterday. pending clarification of its financial position. Richards, which incurred pre-tax losses of £1.68 million on sales of E19.86 million in 1995, supplies products to a variety of industries, including oil, petrochemicals, electricity, foundries and mining. It said a further announcement to clarify the situation would be made as soon as possible. The shares have fallen sharply from a 1996 high of 3op.

Aetna cutting 4,400 jobs

AETNA INC, the American insurance and financial services company, is to shed 4.400 jobs in the restructuring of its healthcare and retirement services subsidiaries at a cost of \$307 million. Aetna plans a third-quarter charge of \$32 million and a fourth-quarter charge of \$275 million. The restructuring follows the acquisition of US Healthcare earlier this year. Aetna said that a total of 7,500 jobs would be lost but expect this to be partly offset by the creation of jobs in other areas, such as sales and marketing.

LIG to shut US plant

LONDON INTERNATIONAL GROUP is to close its condom manufacturing plant at Anderson, South Carolina. and cut about 200 permanent and 150 temporary jobs over the next 12 months. All manufacturing from the Anderson factory will move to LIG's plant in Alabama. Total costs of the closure and other restructuring in America are to be met from existing provisions, which include the additional provision of £8 million notified over the purchase in May of Aladan, a US manufacturer of condoms and gloves, for £46 million.

Beauford buying VZS

BEAUFORD is disposing of Bradford Engineers, its last engineering business, to Motherwell Bridge Holdings for El.8 million and acquiring a second ceramics company in its corporate refocusing. It is buying VZS Group, formed through a management buyout from Cookson Group in 1994, for £4 million. In 1995 VZS earned £512,059 before tax on turnover of £3.26 million. Beauford announced interim pretax profits of £006,000 (£545,000). Adjusted earnings stayed at 1.03p a share. Interim dividend is 0.25p a share (0.2p).

JKX ahead in Ukraine

JKX Oil and Gas, the exploration company with interests in the former Soviet Union, produced 5,700 barrels of oil per day during the first six months of the year, mainly from the Novo-Nikolaevskoye field in Poltava, Ukraine. It made an interim pre-tax loss of £1.2 million (£484,000 loss) but said the Poltava project and Ninotsminda field in Georgia were now producing hard-currency income. In addition, the company was negotiating with major gas distributors to co-operate in downstream activities in the Ukraine. There is no dividend.

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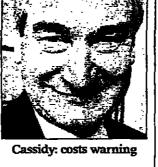




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Downsizing by Ferguson lifts margins

(Fraser Nelson writes).

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warned that cost savings would be slow, and were unlikely to have much influence on second-half trading.

AN EXCLUSIVE OFFER which has seen it shift its focus

expansion of AFD's distribution business in the US would require more acquisitions, a strategy that would conflict with its planned development of River Ranch, its fresh and prepared foods arm in the US. which it believes has huge

companies in the US and on total sales of £382.3 million.

Australia abandons Skase asset chase

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

ONE OF Australia's mostnotorious bankrupts was at the centre of a controversy yesterday when the Attorney-General announced that the four-year battle to recover his assets had been abandoned. Christopher Skase, a colour-

ful entrepreneur who, with Alan Bond, epitomised the excesses of the 1980s, fled Australia in 1994 owing more than A\$2 billion (£1.01 billion). after the collapse of his Qintex media and tourism empire. He has been living in Majorca ever since. A spokesman for Darvl

Williams, the Attorney-General, said that the pursuit of Skase's assets, which has cost the Australian Government almost A\$15 million (£7.8m). had been called off because there were no reasonable prospects that further litigation would result in any return to creditors even if it was successful". But John Howard, Prime Minister, said: "The decision was taken, so I am advised, without prior

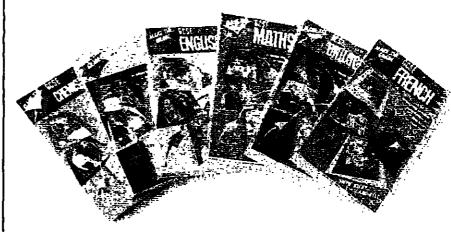
reference to the Government." He called Skase's actions "an obscenity in the eyes of average Australians", and said he had ordered the Attorney-General to advise him how the decision to abandon the chase could be reversed.

Skase, a former journalist, built a business empire that at its peak bid unsuccessfully for MGM/United, the Hollywood studio. He is believed to have fled to Spain with cash. jewellery and art worth up to A\$10 million despite declaring himself bankrupt in 1991 with assets of just A\$5,000.

An attempt by Canberra to extradite him from Spain failed spectacularly when the Spanish authorities ruled Skase was too unwell to travel after he appeared in court using an oxygen mask. Days later, he was filmed running along a beach and has repeat-

edly been spotted looking well. Skase faces charges of 32 breaches of corporation law in Australia alleging that he misused company funds.

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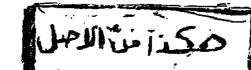
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Teaching revolution Sweeps Japanese schools

John O'Leary reports on a radical

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chools must get away from rote learning and concentrate on developing the whole child, allowing pupils to learn from experience wherever possible. At all levels, academic pressure should be lifted from children, and parents who doubt the wisdom of such changes must be coaxed out of their oldfashioned attitudes

This is not a press release from the National Union of Teachers in the Sixties, but the gist of a recent circular from the Japanese education ministry. Just as British schools are being told to follow the

example of their coun-terparts in Japan and other parts of the Pacific rim. Japan is moving in

the opposite direction. The Japanese have a changes will million miles to go behave an fore they encounter the excesses of child-centred enormous education and lose the qualities that have been cultural the foundations of a successful nation. But impact' the concepts are cerily familiar to those who marvel at the high stan-

However, the Japanese see the liberalisation as essential and overdue. For different reasons, they are the end of the century to promote almost as dissatisfied with their family life and give the young a individual educational system as many in the West are with their own. Politicians and educators blame the narrowly academic approach, buttressed by hours in crammers, for lack of creativity and damaging

introversion. Japan's self-confidence has been dented by recent economic problems, and education is seen as the key to renewed prosperity. Schools are being urged to turn out team players with a better understanding of the world, rather than examination machines.

Until now, each stage of education has been little more than a

preparation for the next entrance examination. The ultimate aim is a place at a top-ranking university. which will be the passport to a rewarding career. Parents will make any financial sacrifice and their children will work hours unimaginable in the West.

Inevitably, such pressure affects the individual and society. Growing numbers of children (50,000 at the last count) are diagnosed as school-phobic and bullying has become a national obsession as a result of suicides among young victims. Last month, a 13-year-old boy left a note naming his tormen-

> fathers committed suicide because of the Schools are addressing the problem locally, but the Government sees a need for more measures. School phobics are no longer forced to return to the classroom, and

the new approach is

designed to ease the

pressure on the rest. The traditional sixdards and orderliness of their day week has been reduced. Pubils have been given alternate Safurdays off and there is a proposal to abolish weekend classes entirely by

chance to socialise. The worry is that parents will see it as an opportunity for more cramming. There are more than 2,000 Kumon schools, where children from the age of two upwards go twice a week for extra Japanese, mathematics, or English, in Tokyo alone. Thousands more go to conventional crammers to see them through high school or university entrance examinations.

Switching to a five-day week will mean reducing the amount pupils are expected to learn at a time when the style of teaching is also changing. Out goes what the Japanese



Two Japanese girls learn the alphabet at school, where teachers are urged to change their approach

describe as "memory education" and in comes "mental education", designed to improve analytical skills and powers of communication with more attention to the

Minoru Tomita, the principal of Nishitoyama Elementary School, in Tokyo, acknowledges: This is easier to say than to do because parents are still very eager for their children to advance to a good school and it is difficult to identify individual needs when there are up to 40 children in a class. More important still, it will be extremely difficult for the teachers, who have no experience of this type of

Traditional methods, involving considerable repetition, will still be used to ensure that the basics are firmly embedded, but this school

wants its children, aged six to twelve, to learn as much as possible examinations by taking personal through experience. They will buy qualities into account.

their own train tickets, for example, or see how the postal system works. Like all Japanese children in primary schools, they have some practical lessons. Lunch is served by the pupils, who also clean their classroom and other school areas at

the end of the day. At Japan's largest school, the 3,000-pupil Inagakuen Comprehensive Upper Secondary School, an hour's drive north of Tokyo. experiments in education are being taken further with the introduction

of subjects such as gardening and car maintenance. Inagakuen is heavily oversubscribed, and some pupils travel two

hours to school. But the school is

playing its part in the move away

The school still demonstrates the need for modernisation in some areas. There is little use of computers, for example, and few pupils have ever heard of the Internet.

Professor Hidenori Fujita, a critic of the education system from Tokyo University, sees little sign of a change of heart among ambitious

The changes are likely to have an enormous cultural impact," he says. "At the moment schools are expected to take responsibility for every aspect of a child's life, and it has become impossible for them to fulfil the role adequately. More emphasis will fall on the home and the local community, and no one is sure how they will cope."

Enter, stage left: tours and quizzes to lure the children

Dalya Alberge reports on how theatres are enticing the audiences of tomorrow

ommercial theatre owners are recognising that dramatic action needs to be taken to entice young people away from their televisions and back into the

Stoll Moss, which owns 30 per cent of the seats in London's West End, is following the lead of the subsidised sector in devising an education programme with outreach sessions in schools, workshops and information packs linked to the national curriculum.
Susanne Gilmartin, of Stoll

Moss, points out that the average theatre-goer is 50-plus, and that dwindling numbers of

the younger generation are excited by live performance. "At this rate, we will soon have empty buildings that will have to be filled with bingo," she says. Theatres must actively

compete with the video and satellite offerings of plays and concerts brought straight into the home. "The magic of the live performance is moving further and further away," says Ms Gilmar-tin. "These are our audiences of tomorrow. Let's do something about it." Last year, 11 million West End tickets out of a possible total of 16 milion were sold. Stoll Moss, which owns ten buildings, including the Theatre Royal Drury Lane (where Miss Saigon is playing) and the Queen's Theatre (where Laughter on the 23rd

Floor with Gene Wilder has just opened), sold 3.5 million of those tickets.

an education manager. Ms Gilmartin said: "Halfway through a production, their attention drops and that's when scuffles can break out in the back rows. The average 12-year-old is not used to being so quiet. We will provide more support to a group when they arrive. looking for certain things to keep their attention."

Plans include behind-the-scenes tours, workshops with the designer and producer, and lesson plans to help the teachers, observation sheets" and quizzes with prizes to get the children to observe details. Stoll Moss itself has been observing the education programmes run

by Sir Cameron Mackintosh for Cats and the Really Useful Group for Starlight Express. David Grindrod, the production co-ordinator who oversees the education programme with the Really Useful Group, says their programme involving 500 children a week makes a dramatic difference. They attend an hour's session in the morning before the matinee: production staff take them behind the scenes to observe how the lighting, sound and set work. An actor discusses the role and how they got through the audition. Mr Grindrod says: These are the audiences for the future. If you think of theatre as elitist, you won't get the kids in there. We show them it's fun."

Susan Whiddington of the Society of London Theatre (Solt) apolauds Stoll Moss's scheme. hope other commercial theatres do the same. As there are all kinds of leisure activities for young people,



Feline appeal: two of the cast of Cats

theatres need to reach out to Now the company is to appoint compete effectively." However, Sarah Argent, the director of the Association of Pro-

> Young People, is worried that these programmes will take the place of the Theatre in Education (Tie) schemes that have been bruised badly by local authority cutbacks. she emphasises.

fessional Theatre for Children and

The Arts Council has just conducted the first national audit of education programmes, contacting every arts group funded by either the Arts Council or regional arts boards. It found that 78 per cent feature education among their activities. "That's a huge number". says Jillian Barker, its education and training officer. "Just 15 years ago, you would hardly have found any. Arts organisations, in an attempt to be more accessible, have realised that they need actively to develop links with the community in which they are based."

Action plan for teenagers with a zero future

Iola Smith on a disturbing inquiry into a county's angry youth

tatus Zero teenagers have nothing. No qualifications, no job prospects, no training. Now a Training and Enterprise Council says it is determined to find ways of bringing them back from crime or the black

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Mid Glamorgan TEC concludes in a report published this week that a national strategy involving schools. TECs and employers is needed if disaffected 16 and 17year-olds are to be prepared for the world of work.

More than 2,500 teenagers, or 20 per cent of the area's 16 and 17-year-olds, are classified as being Status Zero. "It is a nationwide problem that needs to be tackled on a national scale," says Paul Trotman, of the council. The

council is now developing an

action plan. "The work must begin in schools, preferably in the primary sector," he says. "By the first years of secondary

two years.

Until the end of their third

year, students are taught

theory - anatomy, biochemis-

try and animal husbandry. It

is not until the last year that

they get their hands on live

"Clerking", placements in

veterinary surgeries where

students are required to treat

animals, is regarded as the

most demanding part of the

degree, and brings out any

education these youngsters tend to switch off and truant. To try to keep them in school, the TEC recommends convincing youngsters and

their parents of the value of Some of the children interviewed for the report say part of their problems began at school. "I was ignored and labelled one of the thick

ones," Tony says. "They shouldn't label the kids as

failures because then that's the way they'll turn out." The TEC is convinced that such youngsters need an alternative to the national cur-

riculum and recommends moving them from school and giving them work Providing qualifications is

another priority. In 1995, only 4.7 per cent of the area's schools had more than half 16-year-old pupils achieving five or more GCSEs at grades A to C. Many of the youngsters have developed alternative, often deviant lifestyles. They say drugs and crime pay better than youth training, which they describe as "slave

All the youngsters questioned said they wanted work.
To deliver it, the TEC is considering subsidising em-players who would take on youngsters. Funding for such subsidies is essential, and Mr Trotman is seeking support from the Welsh Office and the European Union.

The TEC believes this money would be offset by a reduction in crime. The report concludes: "The cost of nationwide juvenile crime could be diverted into improved training allowances, iob creation measures and provision of social projects. One youth crime costs £2,400, of which £1,300 is a cost to the

Forget the sentimental image, only the very best can take the strain of becoming an animal doctor, says Jennai Cox

Making the grade as a vet

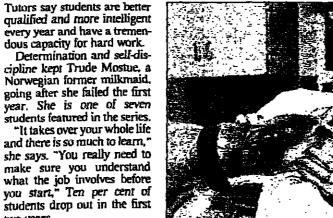
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The final year is spent revising by night and treating animals by day and course leaders admit it is designed to be as stressful as possible.

We're the last hurdle they jump before they are let loose on the public," says Dr Kieran O'Brien, head of the large animal practice on Bristol University's course. "No one should expect it to be easy."

A new six-part BBC1 series. Vets' School, follows the final year of training for seven would-be animal doctors and shows their vocation is clearly not the endless round of amusing encounters por-

trayed by James Herriot. As well as a minimum of two As and a B at A level, applicants must prove their interest in caring for animals. plus stamina and motivation.



Student Trude Mostue with a "patient" on Vets' School

weaknesses. The growing emphasis on practical work is recognition that those good at examinations do not always

make good vets. During holidays and while revising for finals, students work in different practices and

deal with anything from calving cows to anorexic cockatoos and iguanas with worms. A qualified vet makes notes on the students' knowledge and

manual dexterity with ani-

mals, but also on their ability

with people.

"A good vet is someone who out owners at ease," says Dr Frank Taylor, senior lecturer in equine medicine at Bristol. "You could be very gifted technically, but without being able to communicate you won't be any good as a

Of equal importance is a business sense - for example, understanding the financial problems of a pensioner with a sick budgie or a large farming enterprise with a fertility

A common complaint from students is lack of business training. Another is the short time spent on exotic animals. We concentrate on cattle, horses, cats and dogs, because those are the animals we'll mainly be dealing with," says Mike Sandiford, another student. He has accepted a job in Botswana at a hospital for injured wild animals and is encouraged that the study of exotics, increasingly kept as pets, is being extended.

Growing pet ownership is leading to a severe shortage of vets and as a result graduates can secure good employment packages. But with debts, long hours and the need to make life-and-death decisions straight after qualifying, they are subject to great strain. Suicide rates are 2½ times the national average and four years ago the British Veteri-

nary Association set up a helpline because of the number of young vets leaving the profession. Plans are also under way to research the extent of the problem.

Those considering a veterinary career need to be aware of the demands and 100 per cent sure of their motivation. Jon Coupe, a student in the series, says he lost 70 per cent of his compassion for animals doing the course, but another Stephen Leonard, says: "It's very hard work, there is no social life, but the work is tremendously rewarding. After finishing my first day I was over the moon. I loved every minute."

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In such a case the English court would not decline jurisdiction to hear the claim even though the product which was the subject matter of the action was being manufactured abroad.

Mr Justice Jacob so held in the Court of the Chancery Division when granting leave to the plaintiffs, Beecham Group ple and Smith Kline Beecham plc, for leave to re-amend their writ and statement of claim against the defendants. Norton Healthcare Ltd, H. N. Norton & Co Ltd and LEC Pharmaceutical and Chemical Co DD ("læk").

Mr David Kitchin, QC, Mr Adrian Briggs. Mr Justin Turner and Mr Nicholas Shea for the plaintiffs: Mr Simon Thorley, QC and Mr Henry Whittle for the first and second defendants: Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, for the third

MR JUSTICE JACOB said that the first two defendants. Norton, were associated English companies who intended to import from the third defendant, Lek, a Slovenian company, a medicinal tablet called "co-amoxiclay" which

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Beecham sold co-amoxiclav under the trade name Augmentin which had large sales. Although the basic patents on clavulanic acid and amoxycillin and their sults had expired Beecham had several later patents particularly covering various aspects of the manufacture of clavulanic acid.

in February 1996 Beecham commenced quia timet proceedings against Norton for infringement of two of those patents, claiming that the potassium clavulanate in the co-amoxiclav would be obtained directly by means of carrying out" the processes of the two patents, contrary to section 60(1)(c) of the Patents Act 1977. An interlocutory injunction was granted.

In April a live issue was the of the organism used by Lek. With the cooperation of Lek. vho were under no obligation to do so, a consent order was made or an independent expert ap-pinted by Beecham to have access to Lek's fermentation facilities to take samples and to identify by the micro-organism analysis

However discovery did not go smoothly and in May, Beecham was granted leave to amend the nd statement of claim so as to join Lek as defendant to the action with leave to serve out of the jurisdiction. Lek accepted service. In mid-June Beecham's indepen-

dent expert reached a startling preliminary conclusion. experiment suggested that Lek had Beecham's production strain, known as SC7, or a derivative of it. No one had looked for that result. It was reached by accident. The implications were enormous. If right, then Lek's contentions clearly false and they had come by a strain stolen from

k manufactured.

Reecham now applied to reamend its statement of claim to

Mr Michael Furness for the

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN

said that this was in effect a test

case for some 80 other training and

enterprise councils with identical

objects clauses. Charitable status

carried with it restrictions on

permitted application of funds and

activities, as well as tax and rating

In the light of advice received

after its subsequent merger with the business and assets of Oldham

Chamber of Commerce and In-

dustry, together with changes of its

objects clause and name. Oldham

TEC had concluded that the ad-

verse effect of charitable status on

its permitted activities was such

that it was not in its interests to

oppose the appeal.

advantages.

commissioners: Mr Timothy

Linyd. QC, for the respondent.

add new causes of action based on alleged breach of confidence and wrongful interference with property and a claim to what was in effect stolen property.

Lek's submissions were based substantially as an application under Order 12, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to set aside the leave to serve out of the jurisdiction granted in May.

His Lordship said that there was substantial difficulty in Lek's way, namely that it had accepted service and submitted to the jurisdiction. It did so in relation only to the patent claim but it did so none

It was submitted that acceptance of service was obtained on a misrepresentation and that Lek was entitled to rescind that

Where there was a positive misrepresentation which induced acceptance of service the court might be able to do something might be able to do something although there was no rule dealing with the situation.

Even if there was such jurisdiction, his Lordship was not con-vinced that mere non-disclosure would amount to a sufficient basis for dealing with the problem once service had been accepted.

Accordingly Lek's application as Further it failed on the facts. There was no material non-disclosure or misstatement The governing power of the ourt to allow the plaintiff to

amend his writ was contained in Order 20, rule 5 of the Rules of the ipreme Court. Although Lek voluntarily submitted to the jurisdiction in order to save costs and time. It should be treated as a party which

only came into the proceedings by virtue of service out of the jurisdic-To treat it as if it was a party within the jurisdiction would be to unfairly penalise it for its

Employment in the 1990s some of

the proposals in which were en-

acted in the Employment Act 1990.

Oldham TEC was incorporated

in May 1989 as a company limited

by guarantee and not having a

its activities fell under three

headings: (i) enterprise services,

including information and advice;

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skills training; (ii) business start-up services, including a free enter-

prise training programme for anyone thinking of setting up a

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any unemployment or social sec-urity benefits; and (iii) training.

both of the young and re-training

Those services were generally

provided by private sector firms, universities and colleges, the cost.

the unemployed.

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share capital.

though it might require an inthe court's discretion be exercised vestigation into what process was when the plaintiff sought to add an carried out abroad, that was not additional cause of action against a something the law was afraid of foreign party brought into the proceedings by virtue of service out Parliament in section 60(1)(c) of

the 1977 Act contemplated just such of the jurisdiction? an investigation in the case of Without citation of authority his Lordship thought the position was products made abroad by a provery clear. A cause of action could only be added if it was such that cess patented here.

iment and every reason for

The next question of principle

concerned the Norton companies. Beecham's cause of action in

breach of confidence against the

did not rely on Norton using SC7.

What was said was that Norton

intended to import would be made

stolen from it and that accordingly

Norton to proceed with its plans,

either by importing or even by ordering production for import.

arguable was demonstrated by the

That such a cause of action was

alogous case of Union Carbide v

Naturin (1987) FSR 538). Beecham's case was stronger than

Union Carbide's because here the

information was stolen from this

country whereas in Union Car-

bide it was stolen abroad, and

because Norton had a much

deeper involvement with its sup-

plier than was the case of the

His Lordship said there was a lot

if any, being shared between the

recipient business and Oldham

TEC, which started operations in

August 1989. The Revenue had

raised on it assessments to

corporation tax for periods be-

Prior to its amendment in

March 1990, the material main

object of Oldham TEC's memoran-

dum of association read: "to pro-

mote industry commerce and enterprise of all forms for the

benefit of the public in and around

Oldham" and the material subsid-

iary object "to develop, secure and

provide training and other support

The litmus test for charitable status was whether that main

object, read in the light of that subsidiary object, admitted the

application of its funds and re-

sources for purposes which were

and small local businesses".

services and ad

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to be said for the suggested cause

mporter in Union Carbide.

using Beecham's SC7 in effect

it would be unconscionable

now knew that the co-amoxiclav i

of the jurisdiction.

Beecham had an existing cause of action for patent infringement. the court would independently of It was adding to it by the amendthe original claim grant leave out ment and there was no reason why the court's power under Order 20. For then if the amendment were rule 5 did not extend to adding a refused, the plaintiff would none fresh cause of action to a writ which was not incurably bad in the less be able to get leave under Order II of the Rules of the Supreme Court to serve proceed-Lek said that the real substance ings for that cause of action. So there was no point in refusing the

of the matter was whether in Slovenia. Lek was committing a wrong and therefore that was the That view was supported by Holland v Leslie [1984] 2 QB 346] and Beck v Value [1975] I WLR 6]. place where the trial should be. His Lordship did not agree so far as the claim for breach of confidence was concerned.

There was a claim of real ibstance against Norton which was in respect of acts to be done here. Lek was a proper and necessary party to that action. If there were an alleged wrongdoer here, doing wrong by our law, he could be sued and if a foreigner

had to be brought in to do justice then that was what would gen There were several reasons which militated strongly in favour of the United Kingdom being a forum conveniens for the trial of the breach of confidence action erally happen.

against Lek. So leave to serve out of the jurisdiction would be given if an application under Order II were made now. The motion to remove Lek from

the proceedings failed and the application for amendment against all the defendants

Solicitors: Simmons & Simmons; Roiter Zucker: Alsop

charitable. His Lordship

considered the amended memorandum, which essentially

raised the same issue, and referred

to seven leading authorities, end-

ing with Incorporated Council of

Law Reporting for England and

Wales v Attorney-General [[1972] Ch 73), and concluded that those

objects, on any fair reading, must extend to enabling Oldham TEC to

promote the interests of individ-

uals engaged in trade, commerce

or enterprise and provide benefits

and services to them, regardless of

motive or the likely beneficial

Mr Lloyd had sought to invoke

the principle that where there was

an ambiguity, a benign construc-

a charity.

tion should be adopted in favour of

But that principle only applied

where a provision or gift would be

held void if not charitable; further,

ambiguity in either object clause.

His Lordship could detect no

It followed that the appellant

was not established "for charitable

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland

ing of section 506(1) of the Act.

consequences for employment.

Dominant purpose of order improper

Cobra Golf Inc and Another v Rata and Others

Before Mr Justice Rimer |Judgment September 18|

Where the dominant purpose of seeking an Anton Piller order to search for and seize documents was to use its fruits in committal proceedings, the order was liable to be set aside. Defendants were entitled to the privilege against self-incrimination for civil contemps save in cases involving intellectual property or passing off Mr Justice Rimer so held in a

reserved judgment in the Chan-cery Division dismissing (i) a motion by Cobra Golf Inc and Cobra Golf Ltd against Robert Anthony Rata, Simon Paul Rata and Raymond John Rata and (ii) a motion by the Ratas against Co-

Mr Adrian Speck for Cobra; Mr Thomas Lowe for the Ratas.

MR JUSTICE RIMER said that Obra were golf club manufac-turers and suppliers and the registered proprietors of trade marks consisting of the words "Cobra" and "King Cobra" and a distinctive snake loss which were distinctive snake loso which were used on their range of golf clubs

The Ratas carried on a substantial business importing, supplying and selling golf clubs and accessories and the component parts swies and the component parts which made up golf clubs. They ran a string of about 29 retail outlets selling golf equipment.
On October 4, 1995 Cobra

on October 4.

started an action against the Ratas
in respect of "King Snake" clubs sold by them based on alleged infringement of their trade marks and passing off and seeking tions, delivery up of intring ing articles and orders for disclosure of the Ratas' suppliers and customers and damages or an

account of profits. That action was settled by the Ratas giving undertakings to desist from any future infringements and to make affidavits giving the disclosure of the information sought and making an agreed payment of £4,000 in respect of

damages and costs. The order of the court, made on December 1, 1995, stayed all further proceedings in the action and was served on the Ratas indorsed

with a penal notice.

Evidence subsequently emerged which suggested to Cobra that the Ratas had not adhered to the terms of the undertakings about future infringements nor been honest in their disclosures about their customers and suppliers.

Cobra therefore commenced a new action in respect of infringements committed since December I and sought an Anton Piller order seeking the same disclosures and

delivery up as previously.

The dominant purpose of Cobra in seeking an Anton Piller order was to obtain evidence which would support their claim that the Ratas had been in contempt of court when purportedly complying with their earlier undertakings.

The Anton Piller order granted by Mr Justice Lindsay on April 19. 1990 contained the usual undertakby Cobra "not without the information or documents ob-tained as a result of carrying out Revenue: Wrigley Claydon. this order except for the purposes

of these proceedings". Cobra now sought that leave.

The points raised included: 1 Whether an Anton Piller order should be granted when its purpose and effect would or might be

to require the defendant to incriminate himself. 2 Whether there was a privilege against self-incrimination for civil

3 If there was, whether and to what extent it was removed by section 72 of the Supreme Court Act 1972 Whether in the light of the relevant principles and circumstances, the Anton Piller order

should be set aside.

contempt.

I His Lordship examined Rank Film Distributors Ltd v Video Information Centre (1982) AC 380). Tate Access Floors Inc v Boswell ([1991] Ch 512) and IBM United Kingdom Ltd v Prime Data International Ltd [[1994] | WLR 719) and concluded that ar order including provisions likely to require the defendant to incriminate himself was liable to be set

2 His Lordship analysed numerous authorities and concluded that the Ratas were in principle, but subject to section 72 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, entitled to a privilege against self-incrimination for civil contempt in respect of their alleged breaches of their undertakings of December 1.

3 Section 72 withdrew the privilege against self-incrimination in proceedings for infringement of rights remains rights pertaining to any intellectual property or for passing off.

His Lordship considered Crest Homes plc v Marks (1987) AC 820) and many other authorities and concluded that although, but for section 72, the Ratas would have been entitled to a privilege against self-incrimination for any con-tempt committed by them in breaching their undertakings, the effect of section 72 was that their right to assert that privilege had en removed

4 His Lordship reviewed the position and considered that, subect to one matter, all the indications were to the effect that he should exercise his discretion against setting aside the order. The one matter was that there was really no dispute that Cobra's dominant intention in seeking the Anton Piller order in the action was to use its fruits in

contempt proceedings in that ac-tion; and when they instead elected to start the second action and to apply in that one for their order, it plain that their intention to use its fruits in committal proceedings in the first action did not evaporate, although they rec-ognised that they would first have to obtain leave. If that consideration was linked

to the fact that the bulk of the relief claimed in the second action was relief which Cobra did not need. since they had already obtained it in the first one, it was not difficult to arrive near the edge of a conclusion that, looking at the operation as a matter of substance. their Anion Piller relief was sought not in aid of the prosecution of the second action but in the hope commit the Ratas to prison for If that analysis were right, it

might be said to justify the conclusion that the order was largely being sought for a purpose collateral to that of the second action so that it should not have been granted at all His Lordship, however, decided that such a conclusion would not he justified. He reviewed the countervailing considerations and held that there was no justification for setting aside the Anton Piller order made by Mr Justice Lindsay on April 19 and dismissed the

Raras' motion His Lordship then considered Cohra's motion for leave to use the disclosed material in the second action in contempt proceedings in the first action and in that context examined Crest Homes again.

The determinative factor in the upholding of leave in Crest Homes was that the existence of the two separate actions was explicable by ference to matters of the merest technicality so that both actions could fairly be regarded as in substance one set of proceedings.

Once they were so regarded there was a sound reason for exercising the discretion to modify undertaking, and no sound basis for a suggestion that to do so would occasion an injustice to the defendants.

In that respect, however, the present case was materially distinguishable from Crest Homes. There was nothing adventitious about the fact that Cobra had started two actions against the Ratas, and the starting of the second action was not because of

any sort of technicality. The case was one in which Cobra sued the first action to a final consent order and then sought an Anton Piller order in it with the dominant intention of using its fruits in committal proceedings against the Ratas. They were refused that order and

did not appeal the refusal. They instead started the second action, relying on infringements allegedly committed subsequent to the order in the first action, and they obtained an Anton Piller order in it.

Like all Anton Piller orders, it was an exceptional one, granted by the court at the limit of its jurisdiction, and it was sought and granted in aid of the purposes of the second action and, in particular, so as to enable Cobra to recover and preserve evidence for the purposes of their just and proper prosecution.

It was not sought or granted to nable Cobra to use that evidence in committal proceedings in the first action, although it was always open to Cobra to apply for leave to do so, and Mr Justice Lindsay was aware when he granted the order that they might so apply.

Further, there was no question of the two actions being in substance one set of proceedings. They were not. The first action had been sued to judgment. The second action was still pending. It would not at that stage be appropriate to make any order consolidating

In summary, his Lordship did not accept that there was any sufficient reason for giving Cobra the leave they sought. He dis-

Solicitors: Eversheds: D. J.

missed their motion.

Complaint admissible only after broadcast

Regina v Broadcasting Complaints Commission, Ex parte

Barciay and Another

Before Mr Justice Sedley µudgment October 4

The Broadcasting Complaints Commission could consider complaints against an alleged infringe-ment of privacy only when the programme in question had been broadcast.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in the Queen's Bench Division in refus-ing the application of David Barclay and Frederick Barclay for judicial review, by way of a declaration, of the decision of the BCC of November 13, 1995 that it had no jurisdiction under section 143(1)(b) of the Broadcasting Act 1990 to entertain complaints of

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provides: "(I) Subject to the provisions of this part, the function of the BCC shall be to consider and adjudicate upon complaints of (a) unjust or unfair treatment in programmes to which this part applies, or (b) unwarranted infringement of privacy in, or in connection with the obtaining of material included in, such

(2) This part applies to (a) any

relevision or sound programme broadcast by the BBC... Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Mr Peter Duffy for the applicants: Mr Mark Shaw for the BCC: Mr

Robert Englehart, QC, for the

unwarranted infringement of privacy before a programme had been broadcast.

Section 143 of the 1990 Act at present placed no general constraints. straints upon invasions of privacy

as such. Section 143 of the 1990 Act unambiguously limited the power of the BCC to adjudicate upon complaints of infringement of privacy against the BBC arising out of programmes which had been broadcast.

If unwarranted infringement of privacy had been committed by the BBC otherwise than in connection with the obtaining of material included in a broadcust programme, whether because the nexus was insufficient or because no programme had been broad-

cast, the BCC was without adjudicative power.

The application failed. Solicitors: Lovell White Durrant: Gregory Rowcliffe & Milners: Mr Gareth Roscoe, Hammersmith

Correction

In ICS v West Bromwich BS and associated cases (The Times October 10) counsel for Hopkin & Sons, representative of some of the defendant solicitors, were Mr Justin Fenwick, QC, Mr Andrew Sutcliffe and Mr Mark Cannon. instructed by Reynolds Porter Chamberlain, Additionally, Mr Justin Fenwick, QC and Mr Mark Cawson, instructed by Weightmans. Liverpool, appeared for other defendant solicitors.

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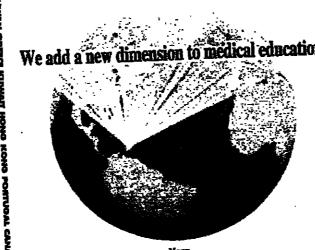
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Marlene, a new staged biography of Dietrich, is saved by one star turn



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THEATRE: Dietrich lives in a stunning portrayal by Sian Phillips. Plus, a beguiling Irish show

One star inside another

apparently belicved that Piaf was the empress, while she was merely the slave with the jar on the head". Although that struck me as seriously overstating the case, I did catch myself wondering if Pam Gems, who has mow written each singer's theatrical biography, wasn't herself in sympathy with the sentiment.

After all, the story of Pial director Josef von Sternberg, ave the dramagave the dramafist her most successful and deeply felt play to date. But at the

Oldham Coliseum, even the superb Sian Phillips cannot turn Gems's new Marlene into much more than one of those cabaret or compendium shows that have recently been cramming our

Phillips sweeps up the aisle with a flamboyantly bizarre cry of "Did I have a good trip? Is Bismarck a herring?", and makes her majestic way on to the segment of Michael Vale's split set that represents her dressing room. The pretence is that the time is the 1960s and her Dietrich is making a comeback in Paris. She is ired, nervous, garrulous, grandiose, yet so exasperated by the dirt on the dressingroom floor that she falls to her knees like a hausfrau and starts energetically mopping it

cican. One trouble is that, especially in the first half, it is not only she who seems scattered. Gents could be clearer, too. Who is the friend or relative with whom Dietrich has a long, obscure phone conversation about divorce? Moreover. who exactly is or was Vivian Hoffman, the lesbian chum or assistant played here by Lou Gish, and why does Billy Mathias spend the play speechlessly round the stage as an old lady called Mutti? Perhaps their presence does not greatly matter, since

THE aphorism suggesting that "writ-

ing about art is like dancing about

architecture", reiterated in Guinness's

current press campaign, was never as

clever as it hoped. What, after all, is so

inconceivable about translating one

Considered response to space into

another? Likewise, Irish Modern

Dance Theatre's You Must Tell the

Bees, a piece in which members of the

company dance to multilingual poetry

written by Tom MacIntyre, is not

nearly as disconcerting as a bald

description of the event might suggest.

at present. MacIntyre seems best suited to the dance form. His imagistic

theatre has always had a highly

mobile, physical aspect that, at its best,

Of all the Irish playwrights working

Marlene is essentially a onewoman show which happens to have a cast-list of three; but even minor questions get dis-tracting if they stay

unanswered What do we learn of Dietrich from the breezily meandering mix of chat and Nothing about her Prussian background and Junkers upbringing. Nothing about her Svengali or Frankenstein, the

taught her what she knew about Marlene lighting. Noth-Oldham ing about her men except she had a lot of them, maybe

including Jack Kennedy. Indeed, I was beginning to think that everything I most wanted to know about Dietrich was being neglected until, late in the second half, Phillips launched into some reverie about old age, exile and Germany.

This episode, plus some of the songs, would justify Gems and her director, Sean Mathias, in doing the work on the play that may eventually take it to London. Phillips plays it beautifully, a quiet intensity replacing Dietrich's egoistic swagger as she wonders why she still feels the need to undertake punishing tours and whether she would have stayed in Germany if Hollywood had not beckoned.

Her answer to the second question, which is no. was reinforced when unrepentant fellow countrymen called her a traitor and spat at her on a trip back home in 1951, "Genocide, my own people, my flesh, my forebears," whispers Phillips making us share the disbelief and pain.

This is simpler and more effective than the tired device of introducing an invisible newspaper man in order to allow Dietrich yet again to

the Bees

In You Must Tell

Crane Arts Centre).

Macintyre creates a



Sian Phillips defies the faults of Marlene with a display to match any of its subject's

display her eccentric mix of own voice as "a duck-shoot on ending with the inevitable candour, mischief and arro- a salt marsh in Siberia" gance. Still, I liked her descrip- although Phillips disproves inevitable glittering gown.

tion of Mahler as "a bowl of that particular slur with de- Whatever the flaws of Marcoffee ice-cream, only the wait- cent if not hugely Dietrichian lene, at least it has a fine er was too slow and of her renditions of several songs, actress at its core. Falling In Love Again in the

Dancing from the ensemble cast is

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

to conjure up striking visual images overpowers other concerns.

steady, if seldom captivating or impressive. The dancers look at their most vulnerable in small numbers. But more complex set pieces, such as a scene in which one member of the troupe is surrounded by "bees", stripped and stung to death, achieves a subtle and complex tone that mixes violence, melancholy and a touch of CURRENT something comic. Rossa O'Snodaigh's music, both live and recorded, does something very similiar, though more regularly, deftly offering the bulwark of exotic live percussion whenever

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passionate lovers in Lorca's tragedy film Supple directs a new version by Ted and his landlady (Lynn Farleigh) Inn Supple directs a new version by Feb. Hughes, with "hot desern" music composed by Adnan Lee Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 5363) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat (Oct 26, New 2), 2.30pm Until November 2

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Paul Sexton talks to - no, listens to - Cast's motormouth front man on the eve of their biggest tour

Power of positive thinking

he American writer Fran Lebowitz once said that the opposite of talking isn't listening, it's waiting. In which case, John Power's fellow members of Cast must be used to twiddling their thumbs.

Power is the garrulous front man of one of British rock's most resounding success stories of the 1995-96 season. Engage him in conversation about Cast, about music, about anything, and you are advised to bring a shoehorn with which to get your words in edgeways. But then, you would probably also have a lot to say if you had risen from an existence spent drawing social security in Liverpool to leading the band of your dreams, then seen them achieve four big single hits, sell out tours and sell half a million albums in nine months.

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Such is Cast's status that their song Alright is now being played around the world as the music for a new scooter commercial, while their anthemic ballad Walkaway became a natural sporting choice whenever a television director needed a downbeat piece of music to match a scene during Euro 96 and the Olympics.

The next steps in the group's ascent to the topmost of the popmost are taken this weekend, when Cast begin their biggest UK tour, playing 3,000 to 5,000 capacity venues. On Monday, the new single Flying will be in the record stores, while the album All Change continues its residency in the Top 40.

Cast's extraordinary success has everything to do with unalloyed easy-access guitar music and very little to do with the image consultants usually attendant on such occasions. Their ebullient spokesman takes a deep breath and says it is also a tribute to the power of the possible

"Three, four years ago I was on the dole, writing songs and dreaming," Power says. "People relate to our music because they feel it's about them. They believe it because it's not so contrived. The reason I'm like this, man, is I threw myself into it. In other parts of life, I'm not as confident, I'm just as fearful as

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certain songs, people fighting for certain rights; Einstein or Gandhi or John Lennon or Marvin Gaye, these people and many, many more. The inspiration isn't just musical, it's all around."

Cast have also come this far without the seemingly de rigueur pouting and scrabbling for position that seems to obsess the pop-rock mainstream. Launched only in July last year, they were inmediately thrust into the media contrivance of Britpop, but have comfortably outlived a term that, as Power says, was

6 The things we hope to touch on in our music are not in and not out, they just are 9

never welcome in the Cast house. "We have no time for labels like that," he says. "Are Chas and Dave Britpop? That's what I want to know.

"When the hype was kicking around last summer about every band, there were 20 groups being hailed as the next big thing. I was saying: 'You can hype us if you want, we don't care. But when the hype goes, we'll deliver.'

"If your music is built upon hype, when the hype goes, you crumble with it. The things we hope to touch upon in our music are not in and not out, they just are."

Flying is a typically straightforward lyric by the aptly named

Fifing is a typically straightforward lyric by the apily named Power. Like previous compositions, notably Cast's debut hit Finetime, it is a simple statement about personal empowerment written by a young man who is experiencing his second taste of fame, but the first on his own terms.

At the turn of the 1990s, Power was a member of another Liverpool quartet, the La's, whose brief period in office embraced one memorable pop tune, There She Goes. In those days, he was a non-singing bass

player, but his plans were already

percolating.
"Some people may have left a band they're embarrassed by, but the La's were a good band." he says. "People say 'Did you want to be a front man?" and I say no, but I wanted to write songs, so the bass would be left in the corner and the six-string guitar started getting nicked up.

"The day I left the La's, I had Cast. But I didn't have the band. I had the

Power, who did not play any instrument at all until he was 17, attributes some of his positivity to his upbringing. "Luckily I didn't have a mother or a father who said: That's the devil's music. When people say Try harder, they should say 'Let go'. If you are trying to learn something, it's only when you let it happen that it comes. What I'm trying to say is you are capable of achieving what's within your mind."

e has two brothers who work in finance and live abroad. "They got an education. School for me was a brilliant social thing. You can regret not getting tuned into certain subjects that you're interested in now, but you were too busy worrying about day-to-day things that were important — music, ciothes and hanging around."

Not only has Power already written Cast's second album, due for release next spring or thereabouts, he is now sketching out songs for the third. "We've done a debut album which has made a bit of a noise. The second will be better and the third better still. The first album is screaming for attention, it's a band saying, 'Hey, look over here', so every song is fighting for space. It's got energy and enthusiasm and it's young. The second one has still got that, but maybe I'm warming up a

What Cast will not lack is self belief. "I know how good the songs are." Power says. "I've just got to hedge my bets that you know how good they are."

• Cast's UK tour begins at the Brighton Centre tomorrow. The single Flying is released by Polydor on Monday



"You are capable of achieving what's in your mind," says John Power, who must have had success on his

Voice of frenzy

BREAKING cover with her first new material in two years, the reclusive Polly Jean Harvey recently reunited with her former musical partner John Parish for an album and live work. Ever the obtuse artist, she elected to headline four shows at the Fleece & Firkin saloon in her adopted home town instead of a conventional tour. Half the

Harvey/ Parish Bristol

London music industry dutifully decamped westward. It was worth it.

Almost immediately the odd couple proceeded to dismember their new album Dance Hall at Louse Point with irreverent gusto. Some of these tracks were mauled beyond recognition, stretching each extreme of raucous dissonance and romantic desolation to breaking point.

Not that this twisted vaudeville pandered to conventional
notions of entertainment.
Building from the softly
twangy lovelorn lament Rope
Bridge Crossing to the spinechilling howl of City of No
Sun and the brooding enotional numbness of Civil Warre
Correspondent, Harvey's
heady cocktail of hollow-eyed
dementia and bluesy despair
proved as unsettling as it was
spellbinding.

Even serene torch-song interludes such as Un Cercle Autour du Soleil were laced with a slithering, unspoken menace. But the singer also showed her playful side by duetting on a ramshackle medley of Serge Gainsbourg compositions with guest Mick Harvey. Nick Cave's long-time sideman. Indeed, if these shows prove anything about the revamped Polly Jean, it is her ever-growing mastery of diverse musical moods.

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A man totally untainted by success

veryone, eventually, gains the recognition they deserve. Talent's like a pulsar star — its erratic, machine-scrambling pulses gather attention sooner or later, even if the star in question is 40 million light years away.

Of course, in order to find a pulsar, you have to know roughly where to look for it, what with the universe being as large as everything and all that. Astronomers will concentrate their efforts on the areas around "star-nurseries" — whirlwinds of gases that spin faster and faster until they collapse in on themselves. In the resulting nuclear explosion a new star is formed. The broken whirlwind spits out this sticky, bright new star, which then wheels its way

across the heavens, simply being beautiful, until it dies.
Things are much the same in the music industry: talent seekers in this country focus their efforts in the areas around star nurseries — Manchester, London, Glasgow and Bristol — waiting for the clubs to spit out newly minted chart heroes. This is where we expect to find stars. We do not really bother to look

anywhere else.

Particularly not the area around the Australian town of Spit Junction. Spit Junction is a contrary place — the only star it's ever kicked out is the single exception to the pulsar theory. This man has released 21 albums, each a raging heaven of sound and song, and somehow avoided publicity, notoriety or sales that break into five figures.

Spit Junction's star isn't even a star; he's a fearsomely grumpy man who wears very large trousers and has problems sleeping at night. However, his albums are a galaxy pressed into vinyl, and make most other songwriters look cramped, confined and half-deaf. Ed Kuepper, for it is he, is this century's last major undiscovered genius. His back catalogue is a continent awaiting discovery. He's so rare I can barely believe I'm talking to him.

"You've heard I was scary and grumpy?" Kuepper chuckles. "Well, that might be a ruse to avoid talking to annoying people. I figure if people are scared when they approach you, they're not going to start asking you

How can you release 21 albums of divine songs and still be unknown?

Ed Kuepper, this is no life for you

stupid questions, or saying stupid things. In reality, you're talking to the friendliest man in the world." He chuckles

triendliest man in the world."

He chuckles again, in such a way that you know salt is the ideal accompaniment for this statement. In the past, Kuepper

has been known to throw large and heavy objects around in the studio, frustrated with musicians who don't sympathise with his

just incompetent."
Still, it doesn't show on the firished albums.
Everything sounds truly perfect. It's so hard to pick out highlights in a

sion of music.
"No, it wasn't

that," Kuepper in-

teriects. "They were

career this long, but Sleepyhead would make the Top Ten; a simple, fingerpicked ode to his sleeping wife which then ignites, as a

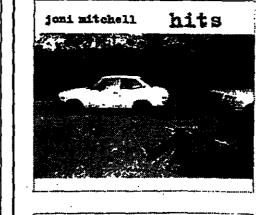
into the song; rising fierce like dawn in the tropics. By the chorus your ears are in shock. Honey Steel's Gold is still awaiting a name for the genre it invented; a swampy, narrotic haze that seems to be struggling towards heaven with every bar. Then there's the way Electrical Storm makes sparks fly from your fingers, and the Crowded House-like joy of Black Ticket: Day.

massed choir punches its way

If you'd like to wonder at an undiscovered star, and claim it as your own, buy any and all of Ed Kuepper's albums.

● Recommended Ed Kuepper albums: Honey Steel's Gold; Electrical Storm; Black Ticket Day; Serene Machine; Today Wonder and the current Frontierland, all on Hot Records

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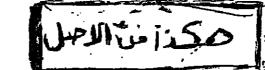
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The good, the bad, and Yoko: all of life, circa 1968. is on The Rolling Stones Rock and Roll Circus



■ POP 6

Counting Crows deserve to get the bird for the depressing Recovering the Satellites





POP 7

.. but the reunited Power Station do unexpectedly pull it off on Living in Fear



POP 8

... while the new Irish prodigy, Mundy, makes a big, big impression with Jelly Legs

Dust your ya-yas off (if you can find them)

POP ALBUMS: After 28 years the Rock and Roll Circus finally rolls up. David Sinclair reports

VARIOUS ARTISTS The Rolling Stones Rock and Roll Circus (Abkco/London 1268)

WITH just two weeks to go until the "new" Beatles album, Anthology III, the pre-Christ-mas grave-raiding season is already under way. The latest exhumation is The Rolling Stones Rock and Roll Circus, an ill-starred event that has passed into pop folklore. Host-ed by and featuring the Rolling Stones, the Circus was an all-night show which gathered gether various luminaries of the Swinging Sixties, including Jethro Tull, The Who, Taj Mahal and Marianne Faithfull. It was filmed for television on December 11, 1968, but unfortunately Mick Jag-ger felt that the Stones' performance was below par, and neither the soundtrack nor the

until now. You can see Jagger's point.

Jumping Jack Flash is decidedly limp, and No Expectations seems to be pitched uncomfortably high for his voice. But by the time they rattle through Sympathy for the Devil, it all sounds a lot more respectable.

movie has seen the light of day

mixed bag of treats. The Who released November 14.

rip through their bizarres. 'mini-opera", A Quick One While He's Away, with tremendous gusto, but it still sounds more like a music-hall spoof than a defining moment of the era. Elsewhere, odd moments of brilliance, such as Jethro Tull's performance of Song for Jeffrey, are interspersed with the mediocre or downright ghastly; anyone for Yoko Ono squawking her way through a loose jam called Whole Lotta Yoko?

Of greatest historical significance is a ragged rendering of the Beatles' Yer Blues by the Dirty Mac, a scratch "supergroup" comprising John Lennon, Eric Clapton, Keith Richards and Mitch Mitchell. It is worth investigating, if only to hear the frightful botch they make coming out of the instrumental passage. They may have seemed like gods back then. but with the benefit of hindsight this sounds only too human, after all.

The world premiere screening of The Rock and Roll Circus takes place at the New York Film Festival this weekend: the British premiere is on the Astoria. Tuesday at Before that there is an oddly London WC2. The video is



Twilight of the gods: the Dirty Macs - from left, Eric Clapton, John Lennon, Mitch Mitchell and Keith Richards - prove only too human

COUNTING CROWS Recovering the Satellites

(Geffen/MCA GED 24975) IT WAS always going to be tough to follow up the moody genius of their debut album. August and Everything After. and while Counting Crows have plainly given it their best shot. Recovering the Satellites is nowhere near as good. Singer and chief songwriter

Adam Duritz was never going to turn into Mr Happy-Go-Lucky, but whereas the songs on August were leavened by moments of optimism and tunes that tugged at the heartstrings, here most of the numbers are left to simmer slowly in a dark stew of introspection that is too much to digest comfortably.

Resides, how tortured car the life of an average Ameri- Copyrig

can rock star really be? "I feel

like I'm fading away/Like sometimes when I hear myself on the radio," he sings on Have You Seen Me Lately?, a problem we are all familiar with. While his voice retains its impassioned edge, and the playing is faultless, the album is a rather joyless experience

imagine that, short of a Tin Machine revival, this would

THE POWER STATION

Living in Fear (Chrysalis/EM1 8 53984)

THEY looked alarmingly out of condition on Top of the Pops the other night, and you would be the most uncalled-for reunion in the history of pop. But here it is, and despite the

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Natural	Peter Andre (Mushroom)
3	The Score	Fugees (Columbia)
4	Greatest Hits	Simply Red (East West) Celine Dion (Epic)
6	Travelling Without Moving	Jamiroquai (Sony S2)
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obvious aesthetic reservations, roll?/It's a sorry looking donut if it doesn't have a hole", how it rocks. Sticking to the blueprint of their "one-off" debut of else can you take it?" 1985, singer Robert Palmer. MUNDY guitarist Andy Taylor, drum-

mer Tony Thompson and Jelly Legs (Epic/Sony 486590) 1S THE world ready for "new" bass player Bernard Edwards (who died shortly Mundy? Borne aloft on a wave after producing this album) of gushing hyperbole, Mundy is a 21-year-old Irish prodigy with a substantial chunk of his have concocted a similarly uncomfortable combination of bubblegum heavy metal and record company's future ap-parently stuffed in his raggedy blue-eyed soul on steroids that will offend connoisseurs of

eans pocket. His debut album both genres. is a stirring compendium of Dope is as heavy as anysongs, ringing with emotions as big as the guitar sound. thing on the current Metallica album, while their cover of the Marvin Gaye standard Let's Get It On aspires to the Although prone to rather mannered Bono-isms on sensitivity of the original. Takheavy set pieces such as Sisen with the requisite pinch of ters, the confessional tone of the lyrics and spiritual cast of salt, it is actually a lot of fun. the songwriting is closer to good's a rock without a early Waterboys albums.

swing of the new

The

JAZZ ALBUMS

JOSHUA REDMAN Freedom in the Groove

(Warner Bros 9362-46330-2) THIS aptly-named recording. comprised entirely of Joshua Redman originals, is a great deal more contemporary-sounding than his previous efforts, which endeared him as much to mainstream fans

as to hip young things. The material ranges from smart, funky, groove-based workouts for both Redman (on soprano and alto as well as tenor) and his front-line partner, guitarist Peter Bernstein. through bluesy shuffles, to more exclusively jazz-based pieces. Redman sounds more relaxed than ever before on record, perhaps because he has clearly set the agenda for this album.

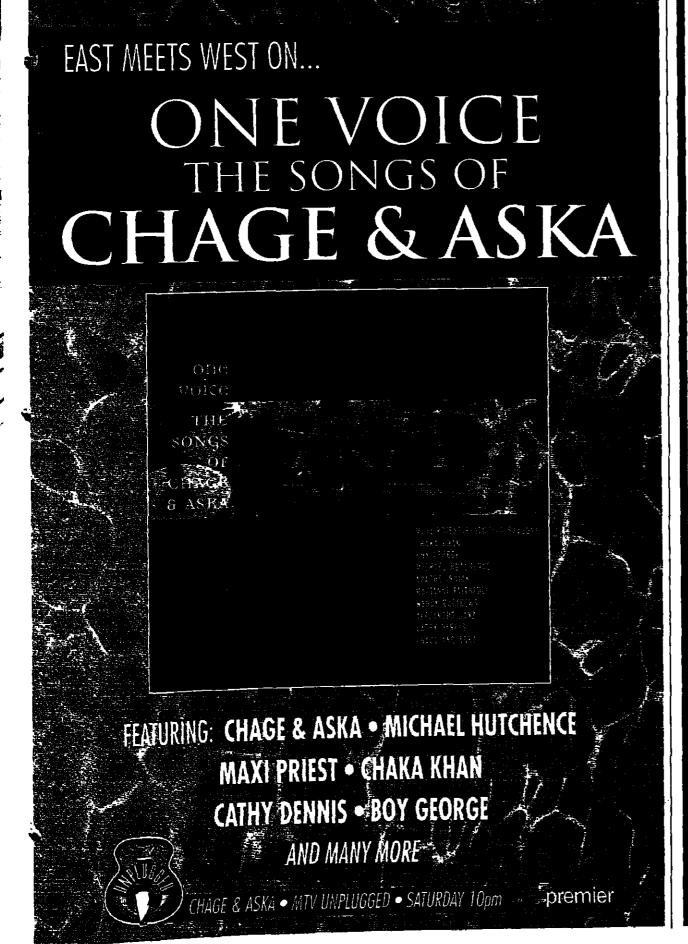
BRIAN LEMON/ALAN BARNES OCTET

Old Hands — Young Minds (Zephyr Records ZECD12) CONTEMPORARY British mainstream jazz, whether played by old hands such as pianist Brian Lemon and bassist Dave Green (both featured on this album of standards), or by the plethora of younger talent on display here

— co-leader/arranger Alan Barnes, trumpeter Gerard Presencer, vibes player Anthony Kerr and reedsmen Andy Panayi and Iain Dixon — is arguably undervalued in this country, and indisputably underrecorded. Zephyr exists to change all that, and this is the latest example of top-class musicianship from the Portsmouth-based label.

With unfussy arrange ments, superb soloing (particularly from Barnes) and a rock-solid rhythm section (Clark Tracey on drums, plus either Green or Alec Dankworth on bass), this is straightahead jazz at its best.

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The actor's actor, Martin Landau, turns his skills to The Adventures

of Pinocchio



OPERA Singers on the hoof: after the earthquake, San Francisco Opera goes on

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RADIO Have Jenni Murray and the Woman's Hour team been unfairly criticised?



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CINEMA: Martin Landau tells Matt Wolf why he always refuses easy options

Nose to nose with fame again

f you are Martin Landau. Hollywood's new Geppetto in The Adventures of Pinocchio. the difficulty must be finding a suitable encore to one of the most acclaimed screen performances in recent years. The actor's portrayal of Bela Lugosi in Tim Burton's Ed Wood won him a 1994 supporting actor Oscar and virtually every critics award going, as well as the renewed respect of an industry that had several times written him off.

A virtuoso turn, the performance proved that this longtime teacher of actors — Jack Nicholson, Warren Oates and Harry Dean Stanton number among Landau's former students — knows a thing or two about acting himself. His Lugosi dignified the film world's favourite Dracula and found vestiges of grandeur in a milieu otherwise defined by

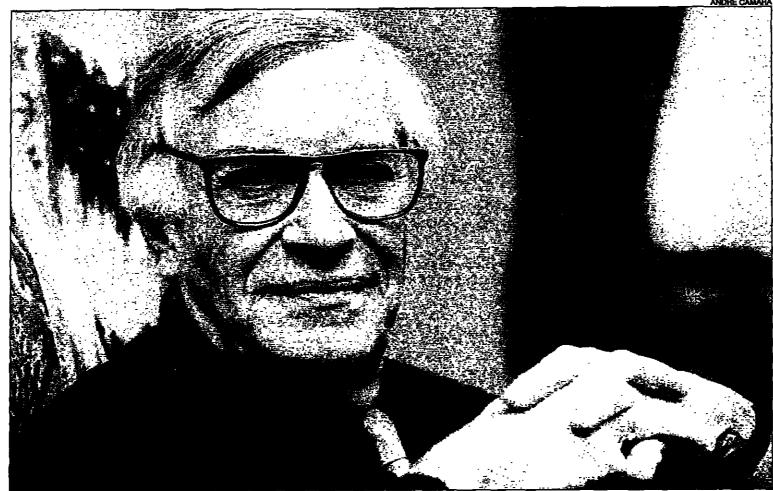
Ed Wood followed Francis
Coppola's Tucker: The Man and His
Dream and Woody Allen's Crimes
and Misdemeanours — which brought successive Oscar nominations to Landau in 1988 and 1989 - in forging a career renaissance for the Brooklyn-born actor who remains best-known as the disguise expert from television's Mission: Impossible in the Sixties.

Landau trained under Lee Strasberg at the Actors Studio in New York, then went to Hollywood in 1958 to do films such as Hitchcock's North By Northwest, only to slide during the Seventies into such less-than-memorable titles as Black Gunn, A Town Called Hell and Meteor.

Small wonder, then, that Landau felt a particular affinity with Lugosi. "I've been very aware of working in crappy movies and bringing some kind of credibility to them; it's not easy," says the sixtysomething actor, who will not reveal his exact age: "You're only as old as the industry perceives you to be; once they have a

number, the thinking stops."

The Adventures of Pinocchio will not win any Oscars, but it does confirm Landau's gift for refusing the easy acting option. Though the woodcutter Geppetto's emerging bond with the puppet Pinocchio could prompt ready-made sentimentality.



'What I didn't want was some jolly little sweet Bavarian guy": Martin Landau on his latest role, Geppetto in The Adventures of Pinocchio

Landau makes something quietly poignant of an ageing man's belated discovery of the family he never thought he would have.

"It's a coming of age for Geppetto," Landau says, explaining his attraction to a "live-action Pinocchio that would not have been technologically possible even two years ago".

"Geppetto is afraid of commitment, of women, of his own feelings. He's a guy who's stuck, who's too old to change, and by the end he has a family. My whole take was that it's never too late for that to happen if you embrace life, embrace love. But what

I didn't want was some jolly little sweet Bavarian guy.

Despite respectable reviews, The Adventures of Pinocchio died in America this summer, a fact that Landau attributes to poor timing. "It was stupid to put the picture out during the Olympics. I kept saying, release it after the summer but before the Christmas rush, but no one listened to me.

If Landau has his way, Hollywood will be listening to him ever more intently. He is one of five partners in a production company, Silver Street Pictures, backed to the tune of \$250

million and under contract to MGM-UA. Committed to making films at the lower end of the financial spectrum, the company is planning one movie to be directed by Michael Apted (Coal Miner's Daughter), with Marcello Mastroianni the hoped-for star, and another written and directed by Landau. Before that, he will be seen opposite Halle Berry as a dying Beverly Hills millionaire in BAPS:

Ian Richardson plays his butler. And though he turned down Judd Hirsch's part in Independence Day and had no interest in reprising Mission: Impossible on the big

screen — "that's history," he says bluntly — Landau is clearly pleased once again to be a Hollywood player. Does his career disprove the adage that there are no second acts to American lives?

Landau smiles. "They stopped three-act plays in the United States, but I haven't. I'm on my third act. I always felt like a pinch-hitter waiting to be put up to bat. I really felt that if someone pitched that ball over the plate, I'd hit it out of the ballpark. I knew that and believed it totally." The Adventures of Pinocchio opens in

Homeless in California

OPERA: Jamie James on the trials

of the San Francisco company

The severe earthquake that rocked San Francisco in 1980 also sent a nasty tremor through one of the city's most venerable arts institutions, its opera company, when engineers said they would need at least a year to repair the damage done to the War Memorial Opera House, the company's stately Beaux Arts home in the city's

civic centre. The damage that a year's hiatus would have wreaked upon the opera, both artistically and financially, would have been even more disastrous than the quake. Rather, general director Lotti Mansouri determined to reinvent the company. So the San Francis-

co Opera is presenting an extended season of nine operas, seven of them new productions, in venues that were never intended for the medium – a lesson, per-

haps, for London's soon-to-be-homeless Royal Opera.

Most of the performances will take place in the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium two blocks away. A cavernous amphitheatre commonly used for car shows and rock concerts, it has neither stage nor orchestra pit. A 130ft thrust stage was built at one end of the arena, and temporary seating installed in front of it. The orchestra was placed in a loft about 20 feet above the stage. The

zarre — the orchestra appears to hover in a spaceship — and acoustically

result is visually bi-

far from ideal. The opening production, Prince Igor, attempted to make a virtue of necessity by emphasising the colossal di-mensions of the hall. Francesca Zambello's stirring staging deployed huge forces to keep the spectacle sprawling across the huge stage. The Polovtsian dances were performed with breathtaking bravura by two Georgian émigrés, Badri Esatia and Teimuraz Koridze, assisted by some 200 choristers. The cast of soloists was excellent, with Sergei Leiferkus in the name part, Lauren Flannigan as Yaroslavna, and debutant Paata Burchuladze as the Khan

Konchak; Elena Zaremba was impressive as Konchakovna. However, it was not always possible to find the soloist in the assembled masses on the stage, and the hall sucked up the sound like a great acoustic sponge. The orchestra bashed away cheerfully under the firm and none too subtle conducting of Alexander Anissimov. Still, this was spectacle of a high order, executed

with precision and style. The Barnum-esque virtues of Prince Igor were made apparent by the second pro-duction at the auditorium, as-lacklustre Lohengrin staged by Laurie Feldman. The production's nearest approach to medieval pageantry came in the form of a handful of armoured extras waving white

pennants. It was an exceptionally strong cast, with Ben Heppner in the name part and Karita Mattila giving a lovely, pass-ionate performance in her first Elsa, but one was more conscious than ever of the half's acoustic unsuitability.

Jan-Hendrik Rootering and Tom Fox were unfocused and unimpressive as King Heinrich and Telramund respectively, though it is hard to know whether the fault was the singers' or attributable to

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Lohengrin at the Civic Auditorium

the sound system. Elizabeth Connell's somewhat harsh voice and broad acting were perhaps better suited to the occasion, and made her Ortrud a malevolent force to be reckoned with. The orchestra was conducted with elegance and assurance by the company's music director,

Donald Runnicles The most successful evening thus far in this season in the wilderness was a modest, wellconceived production of Hamlet, performed at the much smaller Orpheum Theatre, a lavish neo-Gothic vaudeville house on Market Street, Colin Graham's production was lively enough, and Gerard Howland's set designs were generic "once upon a time in

The singing was generally excellent, with Ruth Ann Swenson particularly satisfying as Ophelie: shining gold tone and flawless technique made a delicious treat of the mad scene. Thomas Hampson attacked the title role with ferocious energy, and the talented young French conductor Yves Abel led the orchestra.

CONCERTS: A sixtieth anniversary for Manchester Chamber Concerts Society; Vernon Handley to the rescue

Happy birthday treats

THE extraordinary thing about the Manchester Chamber Concerts Society is not so much that it has survived for 60 years as that, during all those decades, it has been almost alone in providing high-quality chamber music in this musical city. There was a time when the Royal Northern College of Music had the funds to promote its own international chamber concerts, though on an irregular and erratic basis, and the Music Department of Manchester University has long had a valuable association with the Lindsays. But. in its commitment to presenting seasons featuring the best

Fortunately, for the sake of full-scale 60th birthday selfindulgence, the Nash Ensemble was available for the opening concert of the new season in the concert hall of the RNCM. It is true that, after a recent change in personnel, the Nash is not entirely recognisable as the ensemble it was. The string quartet element, which was at the heart of the texture of the two major works in the programme, needs to be reintegrated and more decisively led. Conversely, with musicians such as the clarinettist Michael Collins and

the planist Ian Brown in the most prominent roles, there could be no lack of style or authority in either Mozart's Clarinet Quintet or Dvořák's Piano Quintet. And Prokof-

iev's Overture on Jewish Themes, which has its own wittily exotic way of treating the string quartet in relation to both clarinet and piano. was delightful. A special item in the performance of the Mozart quintet was the presence of the bass

clarinet, which allows the score to be restored to what is believed to be its original

action for several weeks, the BBC Symphony Orchestra was already indebted to Vernon Handley for taking over two concerts in its Walton series. Wednesday night's Festival Hall concert, with its taxing programme of Walton's Symphony No I. Tippett's Piano Concerto and a work by Judith Weir, might never have happened after a

road accident involving Handley that morning. But, true professional that he is, he went on with the show. The Walton was as lively and incisive a performance as one could wish to hear. A

high-octane account of the

first movement emphasised

its underlying tensions, high-

lighting the accents and

revelling in the biting disso-

GERALD LARNER nances, with the result that

WITH Andrew Davis out of Walton at his liveliest

> the triumphal major-tonality coda emerged as a hard-won victory. There was no let-up in the energy generated in the scherzo, all the more effective for the orchestra's precise

ensemble. The slow movement was mellow rather than tragic but the force of Walton's characteristic dissonances rose to

considerable heights. Judith Weir's Moon and Star - the title refers to an Emily Dickinson poem - was

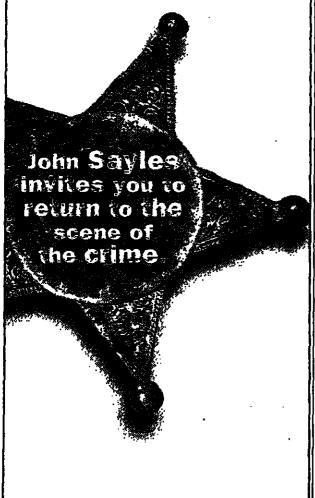
first heard at last year's Proms. It was good to hear this attractive work again and the BBC Singers managed to suggest both a sense of galactic perspective and the wry humour that the composer finds in the poet's work. A large part of the score

proceeds in phrases of two or hree bars but it is a tribute to the sweep of inspiration that the interest never flags. Something of that sonority was recalled in the Tippett

concerto, with its prominent part for celesta (played by Elizabeth Burley). Classical lightness and lyricism are central to the work, though there are also big-boned Romantic gestures, to which Peter Donohoe did full justice. BARRY

MILLINGTON

Women behaving perfectly



THE BBC is holding anniversary parties all over the air-waves to celebrate the rebirth of peacetime broadcasting in 1946. I try to avoid the predictable path of commenting on these landmarks, but I cannot ignore the 50th birthday of Woman's Hour (Radio 4).



notice of me. Woman's Hour would have died, aged 49. Last year I advocated that, although the issues in the programme certainly ought to be aired, the era of a single programme aimed at women had passed. A senior BBC executive told me at the time "We'll get rid of it if you'll come to Broadcasting House and announce it. But wear a bullet-proof vest."

What this meant was that the Woman's Hour editors, Sally Feldman and Clare Selerie, and its presenter, Jenni Murray, are not to be trifled with. It was hard enough to get the programme shifted from afternoon to morning five years ago. But on this occasion I come to praise Woman's Hour, not

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to bury it. I am mystified by some of the criticism levelled at the programme, particularly the argument that it pursues a "feminist agenda". On Monday, anniversary

day, the programme assembwomen, also aged 50, to take part in a quiz. This was an informative quiz, and its most informative aspect was that it proved Woman's Hour has always pursued a feminist agenda (in the broadest sense), since long before Germaine Greer swept over the horizon.

The reason for pursuing this agenda is that somebody had to and nobody else would. The notion that the programme discovered certain women's

sense. In the late Forties and early Fifties it featured domestic violence, equal pay, the plight of the divorcee and the menopause.
And no wonder, Edwina

Currie recalled in Monday's programme how as a young woman she needed her father's signature in order to open a bank account. This was still true in the Seventies. In the same decade, a single woman whose father hap-pened to have died could not get a mortgage at all. The core criticism of those

who oppose the Woman's Hour agenda concerns the fact that it is little concerned with "housewives". But neither my wife, who chooses not to have a paid job at present, nor several other women in the same position have told me they wish Woman's Hour was about bringing up babies: they would consider that an insult. I still think Woman's Hour

has the wrong name, but there is nothing wrong with the content unless you are predisposed to compartmentalise women, and therefore men. Which reminds me that I missed the last 20 minutes of Monday's show: I had to vacuum the house before my wife returned from her aromatherapy massage.

PETER BARNARD



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RACING: KINANE INFLUENTIAL IN IRISH CHALLENGER'S ATTEMPT TO EMULATE VINTAGE CROP

scar Schindler aims for Melbourne

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

A TELEPHONE conversation with Michael Kinane persuaded Oliver Lehane yesterday to try to emulate the historic feat of Vintage Crop and win the Fosters Melbourne Cup next month with Oscar Schindler, the Arc third.

Kinane, who rode Vintage Crop to victory at Flemington three years ago, told the owner that if Oscar Schindler ran within 7lb of his form when an unlucky third behind Helissio at Longchamp on Sunday, he would win Australia's famous two-mile handicap. However, he would have to improve by 71b to win the Breeders' Cup Turl at Woodbine.

Although Lehane retains doubts about the wisdom of the long trip, the advice of the deciding lactor and he has been booked to ride in Melbourne on November 5 — the first Tuesday of the month when Australia traditionally comes to a

halt for the Cup. "I am delighted Mick is riding him. If we can manage to get Oscar Schindler there in one piece, we must have a good chance. He's fantastically consistent, and is genuine as the day is long. He stays well and seems to have a touch of class," Lehane said.

Kinane said yesterday: "I think the horse is well suited to the race. If he travels well and holds his form, he has got a right chance." He added: When the weights came out, I thought he was well weighted judged on his mid-season form. This autumn, he seems to have improved, which

would make him very attrac-

tively weighted." Oscar Schindler, whom Kinane partnered to victory in the group three Ormonde Stakes at Chester and the

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Nap: ABEYR (3.05 Ascot) Next best: Dance So Suite (5.20 Ascot) Richard Evans tended a 15-1 double at York yesterday with his risp, Love Has No Pride (7-1), and Multicolouled (evens)

group two Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot, is almost certainly a better horse than Vintage Crop, judged on his victory in a fast-run Irish St Leger and his effort at Longchamp. Yet he will be required to carry only 8st 13lb in the Melbourne Cup — just 3lb more than the Dermot-Weld-trained winner.

However, the form book and an attractive weight will be meaningless if Lehane's giant of a horse fails to cope

with the demands of being flown round the world and stabled in a different climate. While Vintage Crop was a sixyear-old gelding when he tri-umphed, this Irish challenger is a four-year-old entire.

As Kinane pointed out, only one horse has managed to overcome all the difficulites. Others, like Quick Ransom and Double Trigger, have been found wanting. Nevertheless. British bookmakers are taking no chances and the Big Three" each have Oscar Schindler at 5-1.

With Grey Shot, owned by Jeff Smith and trained by lan Balding, due to be ridden in the Cup by Frankie Dettori. there will be similarities with the Vintage Crop success when Dettori partnered the Lord Huntingdon-trained Drum Taps, Indeed, the presence of the front-running grey should benefit the Irish chal-lenger. A good pace will not only expose the stamina limitations of many of the Australian runners, but should suit Oscar Schindler, who possesses a good cruising speed.

Lehane estimated yesterday the trip will cost him around £60,000. If his horse wins, his share of the prize-money will be around £450,000. Classic Cliche, who has top weight in the Cup, is unlikely to run.



Verzen, left, fends off Celestial Key in the Allied Dunbar Stakes at York yesterday

Abeyr has terms in her favour

2.30: Bintang Timor is a speculative choice against six other newcomers. Paul Cole has a one in four strike rate with his juveniles this term and the \$180,000 purchase has shown enough on the Whatcombe gallops to suggest he can take a hand here. Labeq is entered for the Racing Post Trophy and must have shown Peter Walwyn something at home, while Dances With Dreams represents Peter Chapple-Hyam.

3.05: Fatefully, part of Frankie Dettori's magnificent seven, is improving and will have her supporters but could help to make Abeyr a value bet. The Michael Jarvis-trained filly beat the highly-touted Dawns on her debut in April before seeing off Lucayan Prince, the subsequent Jersey Stakes winner at Royal Ascot.

After a two-month break, she ran respectably at Sandown and Goodwood before recording her best effort behind Fatefully here 13 days ago. She reopposes on 8lb better terms for a neck and can oblige. Red Carnival would be an obvious danger if returning to her best, but



ON TELEVISION

she has not won since her rwo-year-old days.

3.40: A strict interpretation of Manikato's form in the Houghton Sales Stakes, when sent off a 100-1 shot, gives him a chance but the conditions race may have flattered David Cosgrove's maiden. Oneknight With You is another runner still seeking a first win whose overall form gives her a

chance. Merciless Cop had the advantage of a stands' rail draw when making all at Lingield a week ago, and I prefer the chance of Blue Goblin. The Luca Cumani-trained colt has recorded placed efforts in decent maidens and can oblige for Denori from his advanta-

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Going Irm

2.20 (2m SI 110yd hdle) 1, King Ol Babylon (L Aspell, 9-4 fev), 2, Lac De Gras, (8-1), 3. They All Forgol Me (5-1) 6 ran 384, 254, F. Jordan, Tote £2.90; £1.60, £2.40 DF £7.60 (28F £17.02; No bid

2.50 (2m ch) 1, Tensyestelign (J. A. McCarthy, 4-1); 2, Fryon Run (20-1), 3, Holy Wanderer (4-7 fav), 4 ran NR: Chapel Of Barras 31, dist, D. Marks Tote £4.30, £3.10 DF-£11.50, CSF £28.29 Chapel Ol Barras (8-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, disduct 10p in pound 3.20 (3m 2) 110yd haller 1, Holy Joe (D. J.

3.20 (3m 2) 110/d hole 1, Holy Joe (D J Burchell, 3-1), 2, Nathan Blake (25-1); 3, Don du Cadran (5-1) Tallywagger 5-4 fav 6 ran 2); k1, D Burchelf Tole: £4-40, £1-40, £4-40 DF £64-40 CSF £44-76.

2.50 (2m. 4) ch) 1, On The Tear (C Llemethn, 6-1); 2, Little By Little (7-1); 3, Script (13-8) Blue Raven 11-8 lav 4 ran 21, 31 F Lloyd, Tota: £7.90 DF £7.90 CSF £30.90

ASCOT:

THUNDERER 2.00 Namoodaj

2.30 Bintang Timor

3.40 Orontes 4.15 Pike Creek 4.45 KINGS WITNESS (nap)

he Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 SILCA'S MY KEY. Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.00 Namoodaj, 3.05 TURNING WHEEL (nap). 3.40 Blue Goblin.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 6F-1M STR, LOW NUMBERS BEST

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 BOLLINGER CHAMPAGNE CHALLENGE SERIES FINAL HANDICAP (Gentleman amateurs: £4,397: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

114 (14) 630/05/ DESERT CHALLENGER 21J Underes Feight J. Jackins 6-9-7 R Watter - 115 (3) 000/04 SAM ROCKETT 8 Miss. M Campbell C Humper 3-9-7 — J. Coowley (4) 89 116 (5) 66-84/0 GOLDEN HADLER 6b (D.S.) (Four Jays Racing) M Ryen 5-9-7 ... S Lavallin (4) 75 Long handicapt Sam Rockett 9-5, Golden Hadeer 8-13. SETTING: 9-2 Namoodaj, 5-1 Newport Kright, 6-1 Artic Bay, 8-1 Country Lover, Rex Mundi, 10-1 Favy Anght,

1995: CHEF BEE 4-11-10 J Durkan (7-1) J Durkop 12 can

FORM FOCUS

ROUFONTARIE best recent efton beat Kaafin Homm 2ks in 16-nome race at Sandown (1m 2), good) with BALAN (12th better oit) 14/21 (2th 13) PART NINBAT Shri-head 2nd of 8 to Pasiol Bendicar at Beth (1m 3) 144/94, good). AFRIC BAY beat Rosin Cover 2ks in 14-nome race at Linglied (1m 3) 16/945, good). AFRIC BAY beat Rosin Cover 2ks in 14-nomer race at Linglied (1m 3) 16/945, good). NIARODORJ beat Obelos 1kl in 9-nomer handicap at 18/4 be 19 to Augustar in handicap at Cheption (1m 4) good to bitm). Selection: FARTY KINESTT

2.30 m	IPLEPRINT MAIDEN STAKES BBC2
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3.05 BONUSPRINT OCTOBER STAKES (Listed race: lillies: £17,750: 1m md) (12 runners)

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301 (9) 121140 TERESHKOVA 104 (D.F.G.S) (Godolphin) S bin Surgor 4-9-0 ... M J Kinans 95
302 (2) 201211 FATEFULLY 13 (DD.F) (Godolphin) S bin Surgor 3-8-11 ... R Hughes 92
303 (7) 355020 MedikkorMa6 6 F.G.S) (C Facel) S Dow 4-6-11 ... R Hughes 92
304 (1) 11/323-4 RSD CARRIVAL 20 F.G.S (Cleveley Park Stud) M Soute 4-8-11 ... T Outen 97
305 (5) 11542 ABEYR 13 (D.F.S) (A M Mattauen) M Larvis 3-8-8 ... M Fochmans 97
306 (6) 3-1-10 AWANANER 41 (D.F.) (I A M Mattauen) J Bostles 3-8-8 ... M Hills 97
307 (11) 3-7 ID AWANANER 17 (D.F.) (I A M Mattauen) J Bostles 3-8-8 ... K Hills 70
308 (4) 22-2000 PARROT JUNGES 58 (F) (Salend A M kabers) J Dunlop 3-8-8 ... K Dartey 91
310 (3) 13550 SATRY RELL 13 (S) (N Lorsel) Dunlop 3-8-8 ... K Dartey 91
311 (3) 11-8400 SCARLET PULBE 46 (D.S) (Alessheld Sarres) J Duolop 3-8-8 ... M Roberts 86
312 (10) 21 TURRINGS WHEEL 53 (F) (Wasches Family I Cacal 3-8-8 ... Pat Eddery 84
BETTINGS 3-1 Turning Wheel, 7-2 Aboyr, Fatelity, 5-1 Red Cambril, 9-1 Prinning, 12-1 others.

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FORM FOCUS

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(2-Y	-0: £	8,754: 7	(f) (14 runners)	
401	(2)	232	BLUE GOBLIN 29 (BF) (Shelith Mahammed) L Cumans 9-7 L Destor	186
402	ri3i		TEST THE WATER 22 (BF) (1) Threschool II Hamon 9-2 Pat Edden	
403	m		ORONTES 42 (D.5) (J. Lazzan) R Hannon 9-2 Dens O'Neil	
404	ai	21610	FAREWELL MY LOVE 30 (G) (W Ponesorby) P Cale 8-13 T Quien	87
405	(12)	51006	PAPITA 16 (F) (G Steinberg) S Dow 8-12 M Roberts	93
406	(10)	033042	GRATE TIMES 16 (D.S.) (GUS M Achter) E Weymes 8-12 K Darley	- 59
407	(6)	510425	I CAN'T REMEMBER 3 (O.F.S) (P Graham) P Bons 8-10 JF Egon	93
408	(9)	403543	CHERONICHT WITH YOU 30 (B) (I) Cleen M. Festiveston-Godie; 8-8 F Lynch (3)	87
409	(14)	531222	TRACERSELL 10 (D,G) (Sun Plumers Clob) 14 Made 8-5. J Read	
410	(8)		TRADING ACES 14 (G) (R Michaelson) M Berl 8-0 A Mullen (7)	
421	(3)	044240	MANUKATO 10 (V) (Edermine Bloodstock) D Cosgrove 7-13 C Ruster	
412	[4]	255501	SILCA'S MY KEY 16 (V.D.F.) (Aldridge Razing) M Charmon 7-12 P P Marphy (5)	聞
413	(5)	300541	MERCILESS COP 7 (B.D.G) (M Larksnoth) B Meetran 7-10 (Sex) J During	98
414	(11)		SPARKLING EDGE 23 (F) (S Ross) C Dwyer 7-10 Jo Hanners (7)	

1005: PREMIS CA 9-3 Paul Eriden (17-1) R Hannon 7 cm FORM FOCUS

BLIE GOBLIN 1/4 2nd to Royal Ameretio at Chepstow (71 ftm), 1 CANT REMEMBER 1741 2nd to Sugfierly Wind in hardisca Profesiaci (1m. pand). Sugfierly Wind in hardisca Profesiaci (1m. pand). SILCA'S MY KEY best Marifold head in select at Goodwood (71, good to firm). ONECREEL SILCA'S MY KEY best Marifold head in select at Goodwood (71, good to firm).

4.15 WYNDHAM HANDICAP (£9,526: 2m 45yd) (16 runners)

FORM FOCUS

NORTHERN FLEET reck 3nd of 18 to Fulyama | to Welsh Mill to fundcap at Haydock (1m 6).

Chest in handicap over cause and dissance (good to limi) PMC CREEK 45/4 4th of 13 to Solito on Handicap at Domasater (1m 41, good to limi) on perullimate start. RAFFLES ROUSTER 1/4 3nd of 7

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183 (12) 0-0432 6000 TIMES 74 (CD.8F.F.G.S) (Mrs. D. Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... 8 West (4) 88 course and distance wither. Of -- beate twounds in talest race). Going on which horse has won (F — fam., good to firm, hard G — good. S — soll, good to soll, heavy). Owner in brackets.

4.45 MAYFLOWER APPRENTICES CONDITIONS STAKES

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(14)	01	RINERS MACEC 99 (S) (R Mead) () Chappell 3-9-1 Almee Cook (3)	72
(10)	322223	RUSSIAN MUSIC 13 (F) (Seventh Heaven) Miss & Kellenay 3-9-1 . D Gittings	88
(13)	030210	VAN GURP 28 (D,G) (Barrucha Stud) B McMahon 3-9-1 L Newton	78
(B)	9006	BABA AU RHUM 9 (J Poynton) Williams 4-8-12 R Pirench (5)	-
įή		FRUIT TOWN 829J (Mrs V Parry) P Buller 7-8-12 C Adamson	-
m	323230	PRINCE BABAR 13 (G) (G Prilchard-Gordon) J Banks 5-8-12 R Maillen (3)	8
m	060000	SALTANDO 25 (D,S) (Mrs S Herndge) Par Milichell 5-8-12 Amanda Sanders	50
(9)	340-000	SHOW FAITH 6 (CD,G,S) () Wight) R Harmon 6-8-12	75
(2)		WESTERN COUNTRY 17 (8 Azernoudeh) E Wheeler 4-8-1? J Wilkinson (5)	-
(4)	POG	ENDAXI SAM 60 (S Fletcher) R Ingram 3-8-9	-
(6)	315-456	KINGS WITNESS 83 (G) (Highclere Racing) W Hagges 3-8-9 . G Facilities (3)	97
iΞi		MARIL 13 (G) (E Parker) R Aleheral 3-8-4	95
(12)	010550	MBMOSA 34 (D.F) (G Stemberg) S Dow 3-8-4	54
(5)	D-0000	PERSIAN DAWN 18 (ROM Racing) D Chappell 3-8-4 lone Wands (3)	-
£ 7-	2 Kings Wil Bagic, 14-1	iness, 4-1 Prince Babar, 9-2 Russian Music, 5-1 Mari, 6-1 Van Gurp, 10-1 Show F others	ain

1995: KING OF TUNES 3-8-7 P P Murphy (33-1) J Sheetan 8 can FORM FOCUS

RIVERS MAGIC beat Saleeman 11 m 13-numer | Crastal Bluff in handicap at Ayr (6), good to firm) MUSIC 43 and of 26 to Decorated Hero in handrator fiere (71, good to firm) with PRINCE BABAR (3th morse off 51 10th VAN GURP bear Mount Pleasand in race at Window (1m 21, good to firm). MARL 61 and distance (1good to firm), MARL 61 start. PRINCE BABAR 11/61 and reck 3rd of 28 to 5 Selection: RUSSIAM MUSIC

5.20 TANKERVILLE HANDICAP

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1	(14)	110634	DANCE SO SUITE 12 (D.F.G.S) (J Gutan) P Cole 4-9-13 T Outon	9
2	(6)	142532	ARTIC COURSER 20 (D.F.) (Britain Promotions) D Cosgrove 5-9-9 M Rimmer	5
3	(10)	5011-10	RIVER KEEN 188 (C.D.F.G) (M Yeh) R Armstrong 4-9-8 M Hille	ŧ
4	(5)	210-420	POLYDAMAS 12 (F) (A Christodoulou) M Stoute 4-9-8 J Rend	9
5	(2)	1-00254	BEYOND DOUBT 10 (D.F.S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-6 . D Harrison	9
6	(12)		BIT ON THE SIDE 141 (D.G.S) (M Handett) N Berry 7-9-6 P McCabe (3)	
7	(15)		MY LEARNED FRIEND 12 (D.F.G) (Mrs. J Roberts) A Hide 5-9-5 Martin Dwyer (5)	
8	(9)		MORE THAN YOU KNOW 118 (F) (B Laterrant) R Hannon 3-9-4 Dane O'Nell	8
9	(4)		FASAL 16 (D,F) (H Al Matteum) C Bensteat 3-9-3	
10	(2)		SHADOW LEADER 14 (D.S) (J Blackshair) C Egenon 5-9-0 R Hughes	
11	(1)		SUBTERFUGE 34 (G) (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecal 3-8-13 W Rytun	
12	(3)	005000	OTTO E WEZZO 14 (F,S) (J Cook) M Polglase 4-8-11 X Darley	9
13	(7)	010204	EDAN HEIGHTS 20 (D.S.) (T Mountain) S Dowr 4-8-11 A Daily (S)	
14	(13)		LIEFLING 52 (CO.F) (Shelifi Mohammed) J Gostien 3-8-10 . L Detitori	9
15	(11)	30-5100	RBMEI 13 (D,F,G) (I Goldsmidh) R Alehursi 7-8-8	9
BETTI	NG: 5-	1 Fast, 11	2 Letting 6-1 Dance So Suite, 8-1 Artic Couner, 10-1 Beyond Doubl, 11-1 Subter	ług
12-1 [leme.	14-1 other		_

1995: MEDIGO TIME 3-9-8 7 Guinn (10-1) P Cole 15 can

FORM FOCUS

DANCE SO SUITE 2% I 4th of 29 to Better Ofter in 1 - I (good to firm) FASIL beat Snow Falcon 21 in 10- I handleap over course and distance (good). ARTIC COUNTER WI 2nd of 9 to Sessages in handleap at a Catlerick (1m 44, good in firm). RMPER KEEN beat Northern Union head in handleap at Wolventempton (AW. I m 4). The streem effort %1 2nd of 12 to Better Otter in handleap over coarse and distance.

☐ Decorated Hero, ridden by Thierry Jarnet, continued the fine run of his trainer, John Gosden, when wining the listed Prix Eugene de Savoie comfortably at Longchamp yesterday.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Coing: good 2.00 (6) 214yd) 1, GREAT OVATION (I. Detion, 2-1); 2, Bolero Boy Pat Eddery, 13-6 fav; 3, Berytlium (F. Hughes, 6-1). ALSO RAN, 11-2 Maytair (4th), B Foot Betteken (5th), 50 Sodels, (6th), 6 ran, 1 % f. rk, 5/, 1+/, 10, L Cumani at Newmarket, 10-te \$2.50, £1.50 C1 50, C1.60. DF C1.80 CSF C5 57

2.30 (1m 21 85yd) 1, MULTICOLOURIED (J) Red, Evens lav, Private Handicapper's top rated 1 and Newmarket Correspondent's nep; 2, Grand Splendour (k Fallon, 10-1), 3, Enriched (L Detion, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 15-2 Pep Talk (4th), 10 Sufficial, 16 Turchev (5th), 20 Questing Ster, Turnl, 25 Bonanza Peak (6th), 33 Sacred Lock, 10 and 25, in, k, G, 11, 31, M Stoute at Newmarket, Tote C2.00; 21:30, C1.90, C1.40, DF C8.00 Too D8.40 CSF E12.97.

\$12.97.
3,00 (8f 21-4yd) 1. VERZEN (D R McCabe.
4-1): 2. Celestial Key (J Weaver. 9-1): 3.
Primo Lara (G Hind. 14-1) ALSO RAN: 9-4
tav Aericon Jarre (4th), 9-2 Highborn (5th),
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3J, 31, 11-34, 4. D Loder at Newmarkst
Toter 65-40: 53.00, 53.50 DF £25.80 CSF
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3.30 (1m. 2f 85yd) 1. HAZARD A GUESS (Alex Graswes, 3-1 lav), 2. Clulet Arch (G Carter, 6-f), 3. Left The Lucky (Martin Dwyer, 5-f) ALSO RAN; 4 Ten Patt So, 5 Czarna, 12 Northern Fan, Witherkay (4th), 14 Samum (5th), 33 Nobby, Barnes (6th), Reelms Of Clory, 50 Browne's Portice 11 ran 5th of, 17, 31 (1, 3xf) 0 Northolds at Transfort Ca 80, 51 80, 52 00, 51 80 DF 59 50 Tino 524 10 CSF 521.13

Timo £24 10 CSF £21.13
4.00 77 200/yl) 1, LOVE HAS NO PRIDE (Dane O'Neil, 7-1; Richard Evans's nap), 2, Gapsy Princess (I. Chamock, 14-1), 3, Sandbaggedegain 1) Carroll, 13-2 lay, 4, Princess Topez I/ Ourin, 7-11, ALSO RAN-7 Shrmacu, 15-2 Mf Bornbasique (5th), 9 General's Star, 10 Maradi, 12 Fleicher, Northern Sun, Snugurs, 14 Auchon Hall (Bh), Indifferent Guy, 20 Impenal Or Metho, 25 Floating Devon, Hurgill Danner, 33 Highway Robber 17 ran 41, in, 13-1, 294, 134 If Hannon at East Everleigh, Tote, 57-90, 22-00 ES 10, 51-40, 52-20 DF 137-40. Trio: £135-70. CSF £104.23, Incast £560-79.

Tricast 2660 79.

4.30 (1m 31 195/d) 1, VOILA PREMIERE (R. Mulen, 11-2 (rbw), 2. Dreams End (R. Cody-Boutcher, 20-1), 3, Kartema (A. Dahy, 20-1), 4, Mad Mittern (D. Denby, 20-1), 41-50 RAN; 11-2 (rbay, 20-1), 60 (rbay, 20-1), 7, Kinstal Breeze, 8 Ashover (6th), 1.5 Double Ector, 9 Beardadox, 14 Dauphin, Gold Desre, 17tby, 16 Arnedow, Ring of Vision, Rock The Barney, Voices in The Say, 20 Caresward (f), Hesta La Visje, kalou, Master Hyde (bd), 25 Horne Counties, 33 Care's Dencer 22 ran-34, 61, 29-1, hd nh, M. Tompakins at Newmarket, Tote 54, 9, 190, 54 10, 195,90, 104 10, 195,90, 104 100, 10

Jackpot: £7,176.90. Piscepot: £61.40. Ousdoot: £27.60.

SPECIALISTS

ASCOT: TRAINERS: S bin Suroor, 9 winners from 35 runners, 25 7%; Lady Herries, 8 from 42, 19 0%; J Duntop, 26 from 143, 18 2%. A Stewart, 5 from 2, 17 9%; J Gosden, 23 from 136, 17.0%; R Akehurst, 14 from 83, 16 9% JOCKEYS: M. J. Finane, 25 winners from 144 notes, 17.4%, L. Detton, 35 from 232, 15.1%, T. Quarin, 27 from 199, 13.6%; Pat Eddery, 35 from 262, 13.4%; W. Ryan, 6 from 47, 12.8%

4.20 (2m incite) 1, Sigma Rum (1 Hazlett, 8-13 lav); 2, Superensis (4-1), 3, Jon's Choice (7-2) 4 ran, 2½1, ind J Edwards Tote 5: 30 DF 'C2 20 CSF-153 90 4.50 (2m 41 ch) 1, Crackling Frost (J F Titley, 5-6 lav); 2, Drumstack (Evens) 2 ran NF Mine's An Ace 151 Mrs D Haine Tote C1.50

\$1.50 (2m hole) 1. Hever Golf Diamond (N Williamson, 11-4), 2. Ghostly Apparison (4-1), 3. Late Kenny (4-1) Bath Fingh (9-4), 7. ran, NR Andsome Boy, Laughung Buccaneer, 71, 41 T Naughton Total (2-8), 7. ran, 10-10, 10-20, 22 10 DF 5830 Tno €1820 CSI £12.89.

Placepot: £1,572.20. Quadpot: £80.70 Wincanton

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Placepot: £37.10. Quadpot: £6.00. Gary Milligan and Fergus Sweeney were taken to York District Hospital after falling in the Badgerhill Apprentice Handicap yesterday. Milligan was concussed and Sweeney

received a neck injury.

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2.20 DURDAR NOVICES CHASE (£3,543: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

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2 F-22 BELDINE 15 (D.BF.F.G.5) P Montenth 11-10-6 . . . A Doublen
3 435- FLASH OF REALM 172 (CD.F.G.5) B Macasaggeri 10-10-2
Storrey
4 U-52 CHAPMINIS GALE 10 (V.C.F.G.5) Mrs S Bradburne 9-16-6 7-4 Charming Gale, 2-1 Beldine, 11-4 Political Toxer, 6-1 Flach of Realm.

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2 33-2 NOMBIS 10 F) G Moore 5-11-10 — E Callaghan
3 8-1 LATVIAN 7 (N.F.) R Alice 5-11-10 (Pex)
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4.35 BLACKWELL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,453: 3m) (5) 1 2-42 KUSHRALDO 20 (CD,BF,F,6) C Parker 11-12-0 B Sonrey
2 F5-4 DARK DAR 20 (F,G,5) J Curtes 10-11-9 L Wyer
3 2HP1 MAGIC BLOOM 10 (D,F,6) J Jatherson 10-11-7 (7c)
4 22-P GO SELLY 27 (V,CD,F,G,5) B Elison 10-11-5 G Canil (3)
5 10F- SUPPOSIN 144 (C,F,G,5) Mrs 5 Smith 3-10-6 R Gress

5.10 TARN CRAG STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,646: 2m 1) (7) 4)- NORTHERN FUSILIER 168 (S) J Jameson 4-11-10

5-4 Margis Bloom, 11-4 Kushbaloo, 7-2 Dark Cal., 8-1 Go Silly, B-1 Supposin.

Events Northern Fusiller, 3-1 Lindayano, 6-1 Look Sharpe, 7-1 Best Friend, 20-1 The Knotler, Joe s BN CH Gold, Jed Abbey

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANERS. J Jefferson. 11 women: hom 37 names. 2975. Mrs S Smith, 7 from 46, 152%. C Parlar, 13 from 89, 146%; A Maclaggat. 4 kpm 30, 133%. L Lumpo. 9 from 68, 132%. Mrs S Bradburne. 4 hom 31, 129%. J Birkell, 3 from 24, 125%; G Moore, 7 from 57, 123%. JOCKEYS, A Dobbin, 19 evinners from 101 rides, 18,8%; L Wyer, 6 knrn 37, 16 2%; R Guest, 6 knrn 42, 14,3%; B Skorey, 20 from 149, 13,4%, D Parter, 6 from 53, 11,3%.

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2.10 EMERALD ISLE NOVICES HURDLE (52,320: 2m 4f 110yd) (9 runners)

2-1 Montel Egmass, 9-4 Conny Bale, 3-1 Peganss Bay, 10-1 Lear Dences, 12-1 Emiss William, 14-1 Mojor kay, 16-1 The Lad, 20-1 others.

2.45 JACK RAMPLY MEMORIAL HOVICES CHASE (£3,563: 2m 4l 110yd) (8)

4-6 Jamés, 3-1 Iranielya, 8-1 Misnor Milen. 12-1 Fabulous Francy, 14-1 Saxon Blade. Clonatin Lady, 20-1 offices.

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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: K Basey, 17 witness from 47 numers, 36.2% P Hobbs, 4 from 12, 33.3%; D Cantillon, 3 from 9, 33.3%; J Spearago, 7 from 24, 29.2%; Mrs. J Pitman, 8 from 31, 25.8%; F Jordan, 3 from 12, 25.9%; S Dew. 4 from 19, 21.1% JOCKEYS, J Caloby, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50 DB; P Hide, 14 kom 47, 29 BS; N Williamson, 13 hom 54, 24 1%; W Marshm, 9 hom 39, 23,1%, A Thomson, 6 hom 26, 23 1%; K Gaule, 4 from 19, 21,1%, J Rallion, B from 40, 20 DS.

3.50 HARTLEY'S JAM HANDICAP CHASE

3-8 Ramstar, 7-2 Fierce. 4-1 Fine Henrest. 9-2 Louiswetha, 7-1 Bally Parson.

4.25 AUSTRALIA HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,439. 2m 11Dyd) (4)

11-8 Star Market, 11-4 Shoofk, 3-1 Cookey's Valve, 5-1 Warmsha

4.55 GREAT BRITISH HANDICAP CHASE

1 1-24 WISE APPROACH 13 (D.F.G.S) K Bairry 9-12-0. C O'Dwyer 49 2 P15- 68 PA WALU 180 (CD.F.G.S) Mr. J Primen 7-11-0 W Marston 95 3 P1-1 CHANGE THE REIGN 113 (D.F.G.S) Miss A Embinios 9-10-6. J Ryan 98 4 2-22 IMERILINS DRIEAM 20 (BF.F.G) 0 Sherwood 7-10-2 J Ostome 96 6-4 Wise Approach, 17-4 Merlins Dieam, 7-2 Gépa Volu, 4-1 Chenge The Reign.

5.30 HUNTINGDON INTERMEDIATE OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,763: 2m 110yd) (22)

7-2 Scoundrel, 4-1 Barton Blade, 9-2 Ardenbar, 6-1 Syddillum, 7-1 Catch The Wind, 8-1 Thermocon, 12-1 Captain Hawar, 14-1 Others BI INKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot: 3.40 Manikato, Oneknight

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Kid Glove's interception gives Yankees the edge

The Baltimore Orioles were expecting a hostile reception in Yankee Stadium on Wednesday night but not in their worst nightmares could they have foreseen the influence the New York Yankees supporters would have on the opening game of the best-ofseven American League champ-

ionship series.
The Orioles lost, 5-4, in the eleventh inning of a game of high drama, but the decisive play came not from one of the many Yankees stars but from a 12-year-old schoolboy sitting in the right field seats. In the bottom of the eighth inning. with the Orioles clinging tena-ciously to a 43 lead, Derek Jeter. the Yankees shortstop, launched what seemed to be a routine flyball high into right field.

As the ball dropped, the Orioles outfielder. Tony Tarasco. ran under it, ready to make the simple catch that would preserve his team's lead. He reckoned without Jeff Maier, of Tappan. New Jersey. who was sitting in the stand above. Majer reached out, caught the ball just above Tarasco's outstretched glove and the umpire signalled

Maier, a Little League pitcher dubbed "Kid Glove!" by the New York Daily News yesterday, said that he thought the ball was going out and he had a right to catch it. I didn't think it would happen to me. Keith Blackmore reports on the furore sparked by

a Little League pitcher's

timely contribution to a

baseball play-off series

feel something amazing has

happened," he said. Davey Johnson, the Orioles manager, was also amazed but not in quite the same way. He went ballistic, arguing, probably cor-rectly, that the home run should have been ruled out on the grounds of spectator interference. and he was ejected from the game by the umpire. Rich Garcia.

Garcia admitted, after seeing the incident again on television. that he should have called an interference but by then it was too late and the game was sent into extra innings where Bernie Wil-liams, a superstar in the making for the Yankees, crashed a solo home run to win the game. The Orioles should have known

better than to expect much help from the umpires who are still simmering over an incident two weeks ago when Roberto Alomar, the Baltimore second baseman, spat on umpire John Hirschbeck. then insulted him.

Alomar escaped immediate pun-

ishment on a technicality but he was subjected to a vicious media assault in New York, where even the mayor asked supporters to turn their backs on the game when the player came to bat.

They did that and more, showering the field with boos when Alomar came into the game and the abuse clearly had some effect since he managed only one hit in six at bats and made a crucial and uncharacteristic fielding error.

Events were less fevered in Atlanta, where the Atlanta Braves, the World Series champions, began their National League championship series by overcoming the St Louis Cardinals 42 behind John Smoltz, the outstanding pitcher in either league this

Smoltz gave up only five hits all night and took his post-season record to two wins, no defeats, having already won 24 games during the regular season. The Braves have now won all four of their play-off games, having swept the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-0 in the divisional series. In a tight game on Wednesday, the decisive hit came from the Braves catcher, Javy Lopez, whose single in the eighth inning drove in two runs.

The two championship series continued last night before moving to Baltimore and St Louis tomorrow for the next three games.







Maier sweeps the ball from the outstreched glove of the right fielder, Tarasco . . . Johnson, the Orioles coach, berates umpire Garcia for calling a home run and is ejected . . . the game is up for Maier, who is led away. Photographs: AP

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CHANGING TIMES

RUGBY LEAGUE

Selection problems for Larder

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

PARADISE is already a distant memory for Great Britain. New Zealand was always going to require a change of pace and, with minds obviously still back in Papua New Guinea and Fiji. the touring party had a rude awakening when they were held 22-22 by a Lion Red Cup XIII at Carlaw Park, Auckland, yesterday.

Phil Larder, the Britain coach, fielded the side that he had in mind for the first of three internationals against New Zealand, but, after a worryingly mis-shapen performance, he must be consid-

Britain made things tough for themselves against a composite side from the New Zealand domestic competition. A President's XIII, largely drawn from Auckland Warriors, is expected to provide an even sterner examination in Wellington next

der with a selection dilemma. The Lion Red Cup XIII led for most of the match and were denied a late victory when a dropped-goal attempt by David Bailey struck a post. After hauling themselves back, Britain, too, could have won in injury time, but their celebrations as Anthony Sulfivan went over at the corner were premature as there had been a forward pass.

Sullivan gave Britain an early lead after the first of five goals for Lion Red Cup by Ben Lythe After tries by Tukere Barlow and Jonathan Hughes. Britain trailed 14-4. before an 85-metre solo score by Stuart Spruce.

Britain conceded a further try, to Gus Malietoa-Brown. early in the second half, but briefly led 22-20 after lestyn Harris converted tries by Keiron Cunningham and Daryl Powell. Lythe's penalty, in the 68th minute, tied the contest. "I thought we played very badly." Larder said. "We made it tough for ourselves by dumb football."

In the opening match of their tour, on the same ground, Great Britain Academy showed the spirit that the senior side lacked in beating Auckland Under-19s 48-16, SCORERS: Lion Red Cup XIII: Tres: Borlow, Hughos, Malectos-Brown Goals, Lythe 151 Great Britain XIII: Tres: Su-livan, Sprucc, Cummingham Powelt Goals, Hams (3)

☐ Robbic Paul. of Bradford Bulls, who is playing rugby union, on loan, for Harlequins until January, has asked Will Carling, the former England captain, to join him playing rugby league next summer. Bradford's deal with Harlequins allows for a player to return on an exSQUASH

Jackman aims for double top

FROM COLIN MCQUILLAN IN PETALING JAYA

MALAYSIA CASSANDRA JACKMAN emerged yesterday as - poten-- the first women's world junior squash champion to add the senior equivalent to her list of honours. The 33-minute 9-3, 9-5, 9-0 defeat she inflicted on Claire Nitch. of South Africa, in the third round of the Perrier Women's World Open championship

here, was of a class she has rarely achieved in five years of top competition since she took the junior title. "I was pleased with that finish," Jackman, 23, said after she wrapped up her win with a final, three-minute game of penetrating power and accuracy. "I could hardly wait to

get here and now I'm really beginning to enjoy it. I have never played that well against Claire before. She is a really tricky player and I always have trouble with her." Jackman meets Schone, of Germany, another

quarter-finals today. She lost to her in the 1993 World Open quarter-finals in Johannesburg and only just escaped a mid-match collapse during their encounter in the 1991 world junior final. However, the young Ger-

man stuttered against Leilani Marsh, of New Zealand, yesterday and it is hard to see her denying Jackman in the sort of fluent form she showed against Nitch. Another meeting with Michelle Martin, to whom Jackman lost in the semi-finals last year and the final of the 1994 World Open in Guernsey, beckons,

champion, ended the 24 hours of fame enjoyed by Tracey Shenton, the British junior champion, after her secondround win over the Rebecca Macree, the No 13 seed. It took Martin 14 minutes, and a single lost rally, to reach ? quarter-final against Liz !..

ving, the No 5 seed. In the bottom half of the draw. Sue Wright, of Kent, defeated Fiona Geaves, 6-9. 9-2, 9-1, 9-0 in 42 minutes to reach a quarter-final against Suzanne Horner. The 33-yearold British champion from Yorkshire, looked rather more laboured in beating a young Australian, Robyn Cooper. 9-6, 4-9, 10-9, 0-4 over 61 min-

The other quarter-final in the bottom half of the draw is an all-Australian affair be-FitzGerald, and Carol Owens. the No 6 seed, who yesterday put out Linda Charman, of Sussex, 9-4, 9-1, 9-5 in 36

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Second division

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BOXING: Commonwealth leather

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Shellield)

ROWING: OLYMPIC MEDAL-WINNER SETS OUT ON SOLO VOYAGE TOWARDS SYDNEY GAMES

Searle develops taste for single life

The taller, darker half of one of the most popular partnerships in sport folds his 6ft 5in frame round the smallest restaurant table in London and talks of the future. Greg Searle is going solo, leaving his stragglyhaired brother Jonny, with whom he won gold in Barcelona and bronze in Atlanta in the coxless four, to fend for himself and is heading for the mystical world of the single sculler where hard men, loners and loonies lurk.

Not, on the face of it, the gregarious Searle's sort of place. But the natural breakup of the Atlanta four - the Searles back to their professions. Obholzer to practise medicine in Namibia and Foster, the eternal student, up to Oxford - and the competitive urge common to all great carsmen to cut out all variables, to have no one to blame but themselves, has led Searle into a radical change in his search for gold in Sydney. Inside the sport, single sculls is recognised as the toughest discipline of all. "It's like the 100 metres," Searle said. "If you can do it, you do it, if not, you do something else." Steve Redgrave tried it and failed.

Searle says the decision not to row with his brother again was almost unspoken. Both sensed it was going to happen. After that, the thinking was easy. "If I'm not going to row with Jonny, I'd rather not row with anyone," he said. "But it will be a big wrench not to have him with me."

Searle's ability to cope physically with the demands of a solo career is unquestioned. He holds the world record ergonometer score [indoor rowing - 5min 44.1sec for 2.000 metres. Mentally, his endurance will be tested over the next few years. Scullers love their own company: he thrives on good company.

What worries me is the solitariness," he said. "I like the teamwork in a pair or a four, the reliance on other people and the special rela-tionships you build up with the other members of the crew, Jonny in particular. But single sculls is not some magical artform, it's just rowing in a different boat."

No tougher perhaps than adjusting to the wide world again after Olympic myopia. Getting to work on time, mending the doorbell, getting married. All of life's petty concerns. "You put your whole Joriny wouldn't have it.

ANDREW LONGMORE



life on hold, your job, your relationship, everything is frozen for months for just one day of sporting activity. Then suddenly it's all finished and you have to pick up the pieces again," Searle said. He is doing better than most.

He is back working for Gerald Eve. a firm of chartered surveyors, measuring buildings and wondering whether he should resit his exams. He is also about to remove himself from the list of the country's 50 most eligible bachelors after becoming engaged. Real life is back on track, but the disappointment of Atlanta still lingers. Bronze was a poor return for all that time and talent.

"I thought we were capable of winning, but I have to take my hat off to the Australians because they did what we did only better. They hardly won anything for four years then came out and won gold."

Their defeat -- they call it that - has been well documented. Less well publicised was an incident on the highly-charged eve of the Olympic finals that saw two of Britain's rowing elite standing toe-to-toe and eyeballing each other like boxers before the

"It was just a silly thing," Searle said. "I had picked up some letters for Steve [Redgrave] which had come to our old base at the Olympic village instead of our hotel, but I forgot to pass them on for a

Then, on the evening before the finals, we were all out in the little garden at the hotel doing some warm-up exercises and I told Steve I had some mail for him upstairs. He wasn't too happy I'd kept it for so long. I walked away, but



Searle, who no longer rows with his brother, trains in his single scull on the Thames, near Hampton Court

"The two of them stood about a foot apart just staring at each other. Through the gap between them I could see the look of astonishment on the faces of some of the hotel guests." To add to the comic

dered in to the middle of it all wanting an autograph. "I had to tell her politely this was not quite the right moment."

Redgrave, 6ft, 5in and 225lb v Jonny Searle, 6ft 4in, 200lb. touch, a French lady wan- it. Luckily for Britain's medal

tally, the moment dissolved peacefully. "There were no hard feelings the next day." Searle said. "We congratulated Steve and Matt on their. gold and they commiserated

up, Redgrave and Pinsent, the Searles. Greg Searle says he will know in two years whether he can win gold on his own. He will be 26 by then. It is a long way off, but just thinking The old teams are breaking a brighter place.

RUGBY UNION

Showdown looms with clubs over player contracts

By David Hands, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

CONFRONTATION has become second nature in rugby union of late but the potential for a further clash of interests exists in the International Rugby Football Board's (IRFB) decision to institute an inquiry into alleged breaches

of its rules on player contracts.

During the IRFB meeting in Rome, which ended yesterday. Ireland and Canada asked the board to investigate the conduct of specific clubs in England and one in Wales over the release of players for international duties.

It is fundamental in a prolessional sport that there should be an ultimate world authority with powers to match and the inquiry will be an important test case for the board; the regulation in question is that which gives unions first call on players for the "national representative team or squad of that union".

Two dozen members of Ireland's squad play club rugby in England and the availability of players for provincial rugby in Ireland remains unresolved. At least six senior Canadians — Gareth Rees and Norman Hadley at Wasps, Rod Snow at Newport, Chris Michaluk, John Graf and Gareth Rowlands at Bridgend - are contracted to play in Britain, and Canada were a fortnight ago, of ITV.

clearly affected in the Pan-Am

tournament last month. The IRFB believes that some club contracts are contrary to their regulations and the Rugby Football Union and the Welsh Rugby Union have been asked for their findings within three weeks. For the first time the IRFB has started to look closely at sanctioning and it's not always easy, Vernon Pugh, the board chairman, said. "It may well be the start of a new attitude in how we run our affairs."

The board has also agreed that substitutes, rather than replacements, may be used in international and senior matches from November 4. Before, players could only be replaced on medical grounds, although tactical substitution is commonplace in France and is sometimes tacitly assumed in the southern hemisphere. The board has also outlawed, on salety grounds, adding players to an eight-man scrum to secure a pushover try.

Meanwhile, the Heineken Cup, which kicks off tomorrow, has secured at least some terrestrial television coverage: BBC Wales will show matches up to and including the final and other BBC regions are expected to take a similar interest after the withdrawal,

New role for Ponsford

WOMEN'S rugby, one of the game's greatest growth areas over the last decade, gained its first professional administrator yesterday when Nicky Ponsford was appointed development officer by the Rugby Football Union for Women (RFUW) (David Hands writes). The appointment of the Saracens and England hooker is believed to be the first of its kind in the world. Ponsford, who fulfilled a similar role for the Welsh

Yachting Association, will be based at the De Montfort University, Bedford. The creation of the post has been made possible by a Sports Council grant of £45,000 for each of the next four years, to tap into the technical and nities for girls," she said.



Ponsford: first professional

material resources available from the Rugby Football

"My aim is to bridge the gap between mini and senior

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Last week I discussed opening leads against No-Trump contracts, and I pointed out that "fourth highest of your longest and strongest" is a good rule of thumb. However, if your partner has bid, and you want to keep him happy, lead his suit. This applies particularly if he has overcalled (rather than opened). You need a compelling reason to lead anything else. There is little more annoying than to have made a risky overcall that could have gone for a large penalty just to indicate a good lead. only to find that your partner attacks somewhere else. Consider your lead on these two hands after this bidding:

All Pass 3 NT 1 NT (1) ±5 ¥752 (2) ±74 ▼8743 •QJ982 ±72 ♦ K 10 8 7 3

Without the overcall, you would lead a diamond from either of these hands. After your partner has bid One Spade, it is clear to lead a spade - your parmer's suit will be at least as good as yours, and he is likely to have some outside strength as well. If you have an honour and two or more small cards in his suit, always lead small, NOT the honour. I will explain why in a

Sometimes, partner will not have bid, but you will know that he has good values because you have such a bad hand. The bidding goes:

1 NT 3 NT

There is a theory that, when you hold a bad hand, you should try to find your partner's suit, although I think it is overdone. What would you lead from these two hands:

(3) ♠19754 ♥65 (4) **±**65 ▼Q8753 The opponents presumably have 25 or 26 points between them,

so you know partner has 13 or 14. Some would say that, on hand (3), you should lead a minor, hoping to find him at home there. I think that you should still try a spade — the best chance is to find your partner with four of the suit, or a holding like K Q x over With Hand (4), you know that he has shortage in hearts and

yet could not make a take out double or overcall One Spade. So he is likely to have length in one of the minors. As between clubs and diamonds, try the ten of diamonds — your slight extra strength there tips the balance.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

c. A contraceptive

EMMENTAL

By Philip Howard

ACCAROID a. A gum b. Without care c. An ear infection

EXCLAVE a. An outpost b. An organ stop

e. The middle vertebra

CATANANCHE a. A trapper's canoe b. A yellow herb

a. An artificial language b. An Alpine plant c. A cheese Answers on page 46 LEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Julius Silverman Julius Silverman, the former

Labour MP and barrister. died on September 21, aged 90. Last month, his Times obituary pointed out that Silverman's favourite recreation was playing chess and that he was reputed to be the champion at chess in the House of Commons.

This brief mention of Silverman's skill at chess does not do full justice to him. He played not just at social and club level but also at international standard, competing, for example, in the Birmingham international tournament of 1937, where several of the players were of grandmaster or master standard.

Silverman was an aggressive and sacrificial player and reports of the day said this of his queen sacrifice against Eliskases, the Austrian grandmaster: "Silverman got the better game against Eliskases, and in a tricky position where mate was possible in two ways, the latter allowed only for the more obvious variation, and a mate in three with a queen sacrifice was brought off.

White: Julius Silverman Black: Erich Eliskases Birmingham 1937

King's Gambit c6 d5 cxd5 Bd6 5 N/3 Bb3

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After 20, ... Kxh7; 21, Rh4 is checkmate.

One of the fascinating things about the above game was Silverman's choice of opening, the romantic King's Bishop's variation of the King's Gambit. This reached its heyday in the 1850s, being used, for example, in the so-called "Immortal Game" between Anderssen and Kieseritsky, played in London in 1851.

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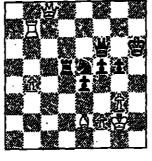
By Raymond Keene

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Be6 Bxe5

White to play. This position is from the game Mariotti -Panchenko, Las Palmas, 1978. Rlack has tried to create an initiative by advancing his kingside pawns, but this has left him vulnerable to an invasion from the rear. How did White now finish off?

Solution on page 46



ICE HOCKEY: STEELERS EXPECTED TO SLIP SMOOTHLY INTO NEXT STAGE

Sheffield to benefit from home advantage

off from the Superleague to host group C of the European Cup and, although Manchester Storm have struggled in the newly-formed European League, are firm favourites to progress to the next stage of the older cup competition (Norman de Mesquita writes).

They face the champions of Spain (tonight), Holland (tomorrow) and Roma-nia (on Sunday) and, with a strengthened squad and home advantage, are expected to succeed.

Last year, the Steelers travelled to Tilburg, in Holland, at the same stage of the competition and finished second in the

doldrums, so Tilburg Trappers are un-likely to be as strong as they were then. Spain has never been much of a power in the sport and the Romanians have had

financial problems recently. There will be two games each day with the Steelers playing each evening.

BOXING

McMillan set to act over title decision

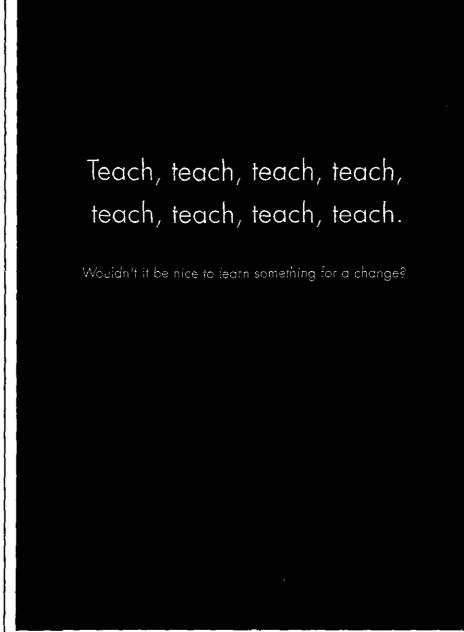
COLIN McMILLAN, the No 1 contender for the Commonwealth featherweight action if the Commonwealth Boxing Council recognises the winner of the bout between Jonjo Irwin, of Doncas-ter, and Smith Odoom, of Ghana, at the Hilton Hotel, London, tonight as the Commonwealth champion (Srikumar Sen writes).

McMillan's solicitors have written to the Council point-ing out that the boxer had the right to be one of the challengers for the vacant title, as he had won the final eliminator and also beaten Irwin earlier this year.

Panix, McMillan's promoters, said: "We have been advised that the action by the Commonwealth Committee is unacceptable and in breach of an agreement already approved by the Committee. We trust that it will rectify the position and allow McMillan to get on with fighting in the ring instead of fighting in the

Panos Eliades, of Panix, said: "If the Commonwealth Committee does not listen, it will be treating McMillan in the same way the WBC treated Lennox Lewis after he won his final eliminator against Lionel Butler." McMillan said he did not

seek an injunction against the bout at the Hilton as he did not want to halt a fellow boxer but he expected the Commonwealth Committee to declare the bout a final eliminator. Simon Block, the secretary of the Commonwealth Council, said, however, that the contest would go ahead as a title



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THE TIMES EDUCATIONAL SUPPLEMENT

Hoddle learns timely lesson from wily Poles

We have had the euphoria, now is the time for reality and reason to come home. The narrow victory at Wembley over Poland, a team considerably more resilient and accomplished than they had been given credit for, should do England a favour.

It should teach the old country that it is going to have to work for a place at the World Cup finals in the summer of 1998. It should show Glenn Hoddle that nothing will be achieved by his newboy praising of "my abun-dance of attacking talents" and, if we look across to Italy. the next visitors to Wembley in February, we should realise what lies down the road of great expectations.

Italy, like England, have won two matches out of two in group two, but the coach, Arrigo Sacchi, needed a police escort from the dressing-room to the press room and then the television studio after Italy squeezed past Georgia, thanks to a solitary goal from Fabrizio Ravanelli in Perugia, also on Wednesday night.

So, there they stand, England and Italy, the traditional but slightly struggling powers, each on a course of rehabilitation, each with followings that rise and fall on the scales of hype and derision as if on an

hysterical barometer. Hoddle seemed shocked at Wembley that Poland had deceived him, that they had pretended they would come in stubborn retreat and, when they scored the first goal, had dared to throw four players into counter-attack. One is not trying to undermine his belief. his faith in England, but it does seem that he is a young manager-coach in too much of a hurry. I applaud Hoddle for his vision in wishing to change the ludicrous presumption that long ball and high effort will see England through those days, just like the summer of 96, are gone — but a defence at Wembley without a recognised centre back looked terribly vulnerable to a Poland side whose playmaker, Piotr Nowak, had read the match so

ROB HUGHES



Football Correspondent

He warned each of his colleagues beforehand that Alan Shearer was a potent striker who could score from any angle and almost any distance, but he insisted that Poland would play the game their own way, on the ground, with technique and certainly not with submission. Strangely, Nowak, 32, has played only 14 internationals during a wandering career that has taken him to Turkey, Switzerland and, at present, to the Bundesliga. He is the son of a former professional player, groomed throughout childhood to master the ball, and

green turf. To acquire that kind of technical skill cannot simply be induced by willpower. Hoddle is searching for refinements, for long-term players and ideas to bring England back out into the world game. Fine, he must be supported but remember the words of Dorothy Parker: "You can't teach an old dogma new tricks." The process, in other

how it showed on Wembley's

words, will be gradual. Meanwhile, simply being associated with England, now that the marketeers have discovered the game, is worth hundreds of thousands of pounds. Paul Merson, back on the fringe of the squad, this week signed a £250,000 sponsorship contract with Hi-Tec; Les Ferdinand was given a similar cash injection to wear Matteo, though he returned unfit to Liverpool before the Poland game, was given a tract at Anfield.

The money is laced with danger. Sacchi, among the most successful club managers Italy has known, is paid E750,000 per year and is contracted until after the 1998 World Cup. His team graced the European championship with the finest touch-play in the tournament, yet, through frailties compounded by his constant rotating of the players at his disposal, was eliminated in round one.

Italy won "only" 3-1 in Moldova last Saturday; they beat Georgia "only" 1-0 on Wednesday; and, as Sacchi points out, they have only lost one match, to the Czech Republic, out of ten in the past year - yet he can scarcely move without protection from the carabinieri. He has to read newspaper diatribes about his insipid, incapable, boringly over-tactical team".

On Wednesday, Sacchi wea-rily pushed back the peak of his blue baseball cap. The whistles are the results of an orchestrated campaign," he insisted. "The real truth is that we've picked up three golden points, six if you count Moldova.

So, Italy, getting tired of the man who has led them to a World Cup final while England failed even to qualify for USA 94, rails against Sacchi His tenuous hold on his job was maintained by Ravanelli. the Middlesbrough forward. who scored twice in Moldova, via a free kick and a penalty. and ensured victory with a brave header, twixt goalkeeper and a defender, on Wednes-

For England, Shearer did something similar and his new national coach, Hoddle, came away chastened by the manner of the victory, but relieved nevertheless. "Hoddle for PM," read the words on one banner. Why demote the man so soon after he has taken the job that he considers the ultimate and which, ultimately, leads where Sacchi walks?



Arsène Wenger set the ball rolling on the new regime at Arsenal when he conducted his first training session yesterday. The Frenchman has eased himself into the role of manager since arriving from Nagoya Grampus Eight, of Japan, late last month

Scotland wait for fallout of 5 Estonia farce

Kevin McCarra looks at Fifa's dilemma

after Wednesday's non-event in Tallinn

fter all the hilarity. there come the consequences. The farce of Estonia's decision not to show up for the World Cup qualifying match against Scotland in Tallinn on Wednesday, in protest over a Fifa ruling that brought the kick-off forward at very short notice, has been followed by regrets and uncertainty.

Scotland had been unhappy with the temporary floodlighting and Fifa, the football's world governing body, belat-edly agreed, on the morning of the game, that the tie should begin at 3pm local time, rather than 6.45pm. The intention was to ensure that the action was bathed in daylight, but the refusal of the Estonia Football Association to acquiesce has created a murky situation.

Yesterday, newspapers in Tallinn floated the idea that the whole episode had been a cunning ploy by the Scots to avoid the risk of meeting Estonia, Fifa's directives do. after all, suggest that Craig Brown's team will now be deemed to have won 3-0 a match that never took place. In truth, though, the visitors would much have preferred the fixture to go ahead.

The Scotland party was downcast on the flight home, as if the whole purpose of its existence had been removed. There is distress, 100, that a relationship has been put in jeopardy. Friendships had sprung up between the footballing bodies of each country because of the bond created by Uefa's Eastern European Assistance Board.

Its schemes invite the continent's wealthier nations to help those who are, in sporting terms, only beginning to emerge. We have had close links with Estonia and we hope these will continue," Jim Farry, the chief executive of the Scottish Football Association (SFA), said. "Last year, three Estonian officials visited Glasgow for a week and we looked after them while they studied how things work at an administrative level over here."

It would appear, however, that lessons in the necessity of obeying Fifa diktat were not absorbed on the trip. When Fifa's World Cup organising committee meets on November 7 to consider Wednesday's events, it will find Estonia protesting that no-one should be asked to comply with the unreasonable.

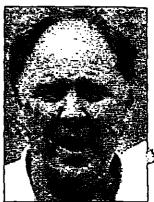
"The most important thing for us was the spectators, the people from the countryside coming in buses to the match," Mart Tarmak, the vice-chairman of the Estonia FA said. "By the time they arrived, the game would already be over." While difficulties with arrangements over staffing and security at the game would also have been created, this argument is unlikely to mollify Fifa. As a second line of defence, the Estonia FA seems

clemency. Ainar Leppanen, its secretary, argues that losses of around £170,000 have already been suffered since the proceeds of television rights and ricket sales have been lost while the cost of bringing in additional lighting from Finland must also be borne.

Fifa, however, may be ever more enraged as it takes in the complexity of the problem that Estonia has presented it. De-claring Scotland the winners. for example, will bring uproar, from the other nations in group four and some of them have men of influence to press their case. As well as being Swedish. Lennart Johanssen is also president of Uefa, European foot-

ball's governing body.

Soon after hearing of the debacle in Tallinn, he told Swedish television viewers: There would be a substantial imbalance if a 3-0 score stands. The most fair thing is to have a replay." Even if Fifa is unlikely to send Scotland back to Estonia, it may recognise that



Brown: problems

awarding them an unearned victory is unjust to rivals in the group. There is a case for casting Estonia out of the tournament and declaring void the matches they have played. That, however, would work to the unmerited advantage of Belarus, who lost in Tallinn on Saturday.

It is an exasperating situation and Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, is suffering with everyone else. On Wednesday, he lost out on the chance to study the performance of relatively untried players such as Billy Dodds, Jackie Mcnamara and Paul Lambert. In addition, the Fifa meeting on November 7 that will have to decide whether ed the one-match suspension due to be served in Talling does not take place until a mere three days before the next World Cup tie, against Sweden at Ibrox on November 10. Brown's plans have thus been thrown into confusion.

When Fifa does turn its mind to the punishment of any offenders, it ought also to number its own commissioner at the match in Tallinn, Jean-Marie Gantenbein, of Luxembourg, whose indecision over the floodlights so delayed a ruling and threw into confusion a whole World Cup qualifying group.

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11: Holland v Turkey, Belgium v Wales.

Ireland victory gives McCarthy some of the answers

FROM PETER BALL IN DUBLIN

IRELAND woke up yesterday to happy memories of the night before and a pleasing sight — the World Cup qualifying group eight table. It shows Mick McCarthy's team sitting at the top, above Romania on goal difference, Ireland could hardly have

made a better start. McCarthy, of course, is not fooled. Sitting next to Dokica Hadzievski at the post-match press conference on Wednesday night, he answered for the FYR Macedonia coach when the latter was asked whether Romania or Ireland are the better team.

"Romania:" McCarthy proferred

in a stage whisper. Hadzievski half a long way short of the formality suggested by the result on Wednesvery strong," he said. "They have 30 day, and then Romania. For the very good players, they have a player who is one of the best strikers in Spain, who can't even get into their squad." However, he added, with an apologetic smile to McCarthy, "But Ireland are very very strong too."

McCarthy was not deflected. "Romania are favourites to win the group," he said. "They always will be. They are number one. We just have to keep doing what we are

More will be known, particularly about the defensive strength of the Ireland team, in April when they visit first Macedonia, which could be moment, however, McCarthy's new team is gelling together nicely.

McCarthy has always insisted that the passion, and willingness to hassle and close teams down that characterised Jack Charlton's Ireland must not be lost in the transition to a more controlled passing game. On the evidence of Wednesday

night, he has succeeded in marrying the two. Ireland winning with a combination of aggression and fluent passing movements.

The opening goal, Jason McAteer's first for his country, was outstanding in conception and execu-

tion. Watching the television highlights revealed not just the fine passes by Ian Harte and Alan McLoughlin, the Portsmouth midfield player, to set up the goal, which had been obvious at the time, but also how perfectly timed McLoughlin's run

McLoughlin and Tony Cascarino, who scored the other two goals, are two of yesterday's men revelling in the new approach. Cascarino, the Marseilles forward, who was named man of the match, could have had another three goals and also set up wonderful chances for Townsend and Kenna.

Encouragingly for McCarthy, the young players are taking to interna-

then not return until 2.30 to

3.00 in the morning. We were

having to take weakened

teams, which wasn't fair on us

The switch was granted

only after a second appeal but

found favour with the players.

who stayed at Cressing Road

with one exception John Bish-op, a central defender, who

The benefit of such cohe-

sion is to be seen in a 20-

match unbeaten run.

extending to the end of last

season. The most impressive

performance so far was a 4-1

success at Aylesbury United.

from the premier division of

the Icis League, in a Guardian

The Vase match last Satur-

day saw the combination of

Gary Bennett, the former

Colchester United midfield

player, and Wade Falana at

its most lethal. Falana, whose

start to the season had been

interrupted by a five-match

suspension, scored six times.

Missing the match tomor-

Insurance cup tie.

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or our opponents."

tional football with relish. The maturity and intelligence of Gary Breen, of Birmingham City, is marked, but both Keith O'Neill, of Norwich City, and Harte, of Leeds United, are adapting well to the new demands. The only young player out of sorts at the moment is Shay Given.

He was the outstanding discovery during McCarthy's long run of noncompetitive matches, played while Given was on loan to Sunderland. However, he was left out on Wednesday because, since his return to Blackburn Rovers, he is no longer playing first-team football. That is a subject Ray Harford, the

Blackburn manager, may be called to

address sooner rather than later. to be preparing a plea for WORLD CUP 1998 EUROPEAN QUALIFYING DETAILS

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Weah expresses desire for move to England

BY DAVID MADDOCK

HE IS the world football player of the year, and his ultimate destination is England. George Weah, the AC Milan forward, confirmed as much when he was honoured as the Commonwealth sportsman of the year.

At a ceremony in London. John Fashanu, a friend through their work with Uni-cef, accepted the award on Weah's behalf, and speaking from Sierra Leone, where he was on international duty with Liberia. Weah indicated that he wants to play in

The African has three years of his contract in Italy left to run, but Milan have already suggested that he could be made available at the end of the season. Blackburn Rovers, Everton, Arsenal and Chelsea, the FA Carling Premierhsip clubs, have registered an

Weah revealed his desire for such a move. "I'm only sorry I cannot be in London at the official presentation in person, but I would like to thank the English supporters," he said.

Hopefully we will be seeing a lot more of each other in the not so distant future. I am a great admirer of the English game, and I would like to play in England one day. I have great respect for the game there, for its integrity. My

friend John Fashanu has said a lot about it, and I would like to experience it myself."

Blackburn and Everton have tabled bids in excess of £10 million for Weah, 29. Milan responded by dismissing any suggestion of an immediate move, given his involvement in the European Cup Champions' League, but Weah has been told that he will be allowed to move - for a considerable fee - when the campaign is over.

Blackburn, with their vast resources and great desire for a forward, are early favourites to capture Weah. His eyes. however, are set on a move to



London, and Chelsea in particular interest him. Weah has great respect for Rund Gullit, the Chelsea manager, would like to live in London, and is interested in the prospect of a partnership with Gianluca

Arsenal, too, would be an inviting prospect, given his relationship with Arsene Wenger, a former manager at

AS Monaco. Fashanu, the former Wimbledon forward, would be a key to the move. He has formed a close relationship with Weah since the pair became involved in Unicef projects together, and could even be asked to help in producing a package to bring the player to England.

Fashanu offered a tribute to the work of his friend when collecting the award at the ceremony in the West End of London. To have the biggest football star going behind Unicef has done wonders already," he said "George's influence on the African people can not be underestimated, it's absolutely massive. Let's face it, until he emerged at Monaco, not many could tell you much about Liberia, let alone where it was," ☐ Mike Walsh, the former

Bury manager, has been ap-

pointed first-team coach to

Steve McMahon at Swindon

Braintree free from great expectations

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

BRAINTREE Town did their chances of shedding the un-wanted label of being favourites for this season's FA Carlsberg Vase no good at all by dobbering Cornard United 9-2 in the second qualifying round last Saturday.

So it is with a sense of some relief — and a little trepidation - that Braintree travel tomorrow for a match in which they are decided underdogs, an FA Cup third qualifying round tie against Stevenage Borough, the Vauxhall Conference leaders. The Essex club has never reached the first round and it is a cherished ambition.

"We keep getting to the fourth qualifying round and losing to the likes of Kettering and Barnet," Tom Woodley, the club secretary, said. Of rather more pressing concern for Braintree is to regain the status they forfeited when they switched from the Beazer Homes League to the Icis League this season. The price was dropping to the third

"The thinking behind the move was not financial," Woodley said, "it was the long" trips we had to make. Fifteen out of 20 were from places like Fleet in Hampshire to Cinderford in the Forest of "We had one or two cup

successes and found players

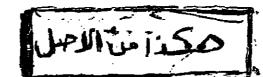
had to leave before lunch and

row is George Rosling, the chairman for the past eight years. He is not scheduled to return from holiday in Barbados until Sunday. Rosling must hope that Stevenage will be distracted by their important Vanxhall Conference match at Woking next Tuesday, and so will be able to take in the fourth qualifying round.

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Courteous Villeneuve promises Hill a fair fight

began battering themselves against its sides. Villeneuve pressed on unruffled, past the big wheel that dominates

Villeneuve: refuses to adopt questionable tactics

The child in the fairground opposite the pits here had just slipped a small coin into the machine when the crowd surged forward towards Jacques Villeneuve. A parental hand dragged her into the melée to get a sight of the young French-Canadian, just as a cluster of paper butterflies exploded into the glass bowl she had been staring at and

the skyline, past the screaming passengers on a corkscrew ride and the people strapped on a ledge that hurtled them up a tower and rocketed them down again. He was beginning the biggest weekend of his motor racing career as a fairground attraction, surrounded by sinister B-movie hints about life in the fast lane of Formula One.

Villeneuve needs to win the Japanese Grand Prix here on Sunday, in this wasteland of chemical plants and car factories south of the city of Nagoya, to have any chance of prising the world champ-ionship from his Williams-Renault team-mate. Damon Hill. Even then. Hill must finish outside the top six to hand the title to his young

In the circumstances, Villeneuve, a graduate of the no-holds-barred IndyCar series, might have been expected to my everything he knew - every psychological tactic, every underhand ploy at his disposal - to try to unsettle Hill. Instead, Villeneuve, who has

earned great credit in his first season in Formula One with his studied courtesy, his habit of conducting press conferences in French, English and Italian, and by staying until the last question has been answered, has rigidly refused to stray from the path that leads to an amicable relationship with the Briton,

Even on this weekend, when everything is at stake, he said paper it looks great, but ...
"If anything, the relationship between Damon and I has been yesterday - after he had fought his way to the paddock through the

Oliver Holt, in Suzuka, finds the Formula One world championship rivals in a relaxed mood

hordes of followers, only to be mobbed again by the media, who pinned him against some packing cases - that there would be no deviation from those tactics.

There are many ways to exert pressure on Damon," Villeneuve said. "but I don't thìnk off-the-track pressure is a good one to use. I don't think that is very fair, so that is not a route I will take. All we can do is be quick and see what happens to

Damon.
"If I had wanted to play psychological games. I would have started a few races ago, but it is not something to be proud of. It is not worth using a tactic that makes you happy if you win for one week, because what remains in your mind is the way that you did it. On

better towards the end of the bandes straightaway. season. There has never been any problem between us. There is a good respect. There have always been good battles on the race track between us and the best battles happen when there is no hate. If

Villeneuve admitted that his chances of snatching the title from Hill were slim. He said that there was less pressure on him than on Hill because Hill had more to lose, but he even gave his rival some advice on how to make the championship safe.

you hate someone when you race

against them, you will just make

mistakes. Your thinking will be

ciouded."

"I know what I would do in his shoes," Villeneuve said. "The one thing that you do not want to do is push like an idiot. But at the same time, you do not want to be fighting

against other people. You do not want to be in the midst of other battles. You have to judge it once you are in the race. If you have had a bad start, you need to get clear of

"I just have to try to get pole position, get away cleanly at the start and hope that there is some mayhem going on behind me. There is a lot at stake, but there is not much I can do. He [Hill] has got more to lose and I have got nothing to lose. Now that I have got so close to the title, it would be a disappointment to lose it on Sunday, but overall it has been a very positive first season for me, so I will be

ill is unlikely to heed Villeneuve's advice, but he L did admit yesterday that he was in a quandary about how to approach the race; whether to attempt to win the championship in a blaze of glory by scoring his eighth victory of the season, or to be

ishing among the points. "Right now, I haven't made up my mind what I'm going to do," Hill said.

"I'm a racing driver and I want to win the race. There would be no better way of winning the champ-ionship than by winning the race. That would be the perfect result, the perfect end. In some ways, there is more to be said for that. It would be

rempting to do that. "Purely from a racing satisfac-tion point of view, that is what I like doing best. Going for the win is the most enjoyable way to drive, but the bigger prize is the world championship. I have a greater responsibility to that than another

"I cannot deny, though, that there is something inside me that likes to silence critics, and I do like to prove myself. I don't like anyone taking anything away from my achievements, so to win the race would mean that there was no way anyone could take anything away from my championship. It would just be nice to do it completely."

SAILING

British crew get off to flying start in Europe

BY EDWARD GORMAN SAILING CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MERRICKS and lan Walker made a sparkling start to the Glenfiddich Melges 24 European Gold Cup yesterday with a convincing win in the first race and a second place in race two. giving them a comfortable overnight lead of 15 points.

The pairing, who are sailing with two of Russell Peters's Ultra crew, Nick Powell and Mark Tomson, have underlined their potency in what, for them, is the new world of keelboat racing, and are now in a good position to win the championship, taking place off

In the first race, Britain's Olympic silver medal-winners in the 470 class, started with most of the rest of the 47-strong fleet in a scrum at the pin end and emerged at the weather mark in fourth place. By the second lap, they had taken Glenfiddich 3 into the lead and eventually won by over a minute from Javier Carratala Sabater, of Spain, on Garvalin IV with Keith Musto, on Hooked on Speed, in

In race two. Merricks and Walk er looked in danger of being squeezed out with under a minute to go. But a gap opened up for them just in time and they slotted in underneath the committee boat and immediately to windward of Giorgio Zuccoli, the defending European champion, from Italy. Merricks was the first to tack tho port and was away in clear

was in second, 30 seconds behind Luis Martinez Doreste, of Spain. There was then a fascinating duel between the two crews. Merricks and Walker caught up

air. At the weather mark, Merricks

and then overtook the Spaniard at the leeward gate to be over one minute ahead. But going upwind for the last time Doreste, on Garvalin III. found more speed in the failing breeze and overtook to win by nearly 112 minutes. Doreste is second overall with

the Norwegian. Ole Peter Pollen, on Frem 1 third. The best of the remaining 21-strong British contingent is Ian Southworth, on Ancasta, who is fifth overall with Musto sixth and David Shellcock on Spot On seventh. Mike Golding, on Group 4, continues to lead the BT Global

Challenge fleet as the yachts head south towards the Cape Verde Islands. He has a ló-mile advantage over Chris Tibbs, on Concert. with some 2,881 miles still to go to the finish of the first leg in Rio de daneiro. Among recent dramas are a bad broach for Save the Children. skippered by Andy Hindley. which resulted in the loss of a spinnaker, and a collision with a shark by Ocean Rover.

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Bill Elliott on a golfer forced to tee up against doctors' orders

Allenby aims to revive fortune by beating the cruellest cut

'If he now

chooses to

Obert Allenby is preparing to grimace and then to strike the most richly rewarded single shot in golf this year if he is forced to tee up his ball at the Volvo Masters in a formight's

In theory, the Australian golfer can gently poke his ball forward off the 1st tee at Valderrama with a putter, retire hurt immediately and still collect around £125,000 for his day's work. If nothing else, this should at least put a smile back on

Ironically this farcical situation. which, if it happens, will throw a dark cloud over a tournament that is carefully designed to provide a glittering and sunny

climax to the European scason, comes about because of a car crash involving Allenby just a few miles up the road on the Costa del Sol. It is three weeks

since the 25-year-old suffered a broken breast bone, cuts and bruises after his car struck a bollard. After receiving

treatment in hospital he flew back to England in an air ambulance and is now recuperating at home in "I'm very lucky to be alive," he

said at the time. "Now my health must come before my golf and so my first priority is to recover fully and get fit again." It is a crash that threatens to cost

Allenby, a winner on the PGA European Tour three times in 1996. considerably more than a noclaims bonus. Lying third in the Volvo rankings with £456,803 prize-money, he is on course to earn an end-of-season bonus worth

However, in order to qualify for his enviable share of the bonus pool, Allenby must play in the

Masters, despite medical advice to

the contrary.

A further financial twist is added because if Allenby does not play in Spain then he will almost certainly be overtaken on the ranking list and forfeit at least another £50,000, which would be paid by his own sponsors for finishing the year in Europe's top three.

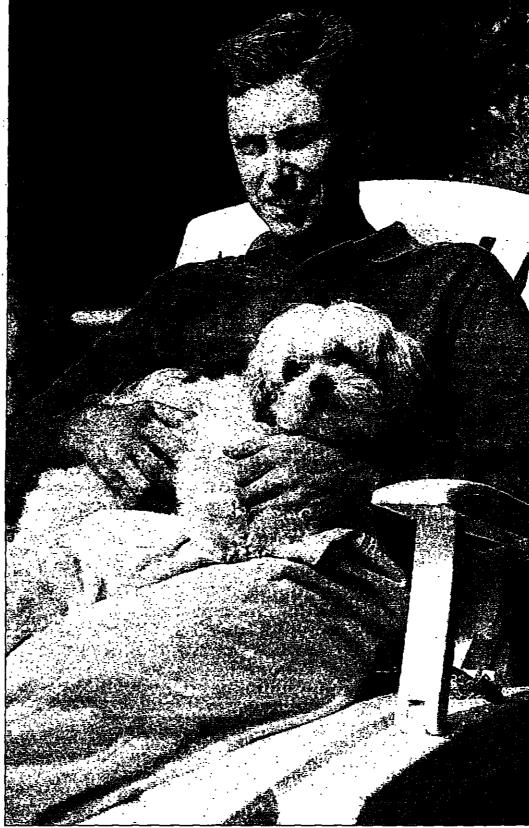
"It's a unique situation but the rules are specific and they state that for a player to earn his bonus he simply has to play," Andrew Ramsey, Allenby's manager, said. "Robert believes very strongly that after three victories in Europe this year, and having committed himself to the European Tour again in

1997, that he is entitled to this bonus so I have re-entered him for the Volvo Masters. He can walk around OK

hit just one present, but he has been told by doctors not to touch a golf shot that's club and his earliest up to him' return to tournament play was originally set for the Australian Open at the end of November." Allenby's case was discussed by

the Tour players' committee last eekend but, though sympathetic, his colleagues decided against popping a cheque in the post. "It's tough but the rules are very clear and he cannot be made an exception. If he now chooses to turn up and just hit one shot that's up to him, "one committee member said. With so much money at stake. this appears to be exactly what the

Australian is contemplating. At least he will not need to suffer through practice. After all, hitting a ball off a tee with a putter is a task well within the compass of even the most lacklustre of weekend hackers, never mind a golferranked the 31st best player in the world.



Allenby, who is recuperating in Melbourne, must appear at the Volvo Masters to earn his bonus

Disqualification costs Torrance a Ryder Cup bonus

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SAM TORRANCE was disqualified from the Oki Pro-Am golf tournament in Madrid yesterday when he failed to turn up on time for the PGA European Tour event. The Scot, 43, who was hoping to

collect Ryder Cup points with most of the leading European players competing in the Dunhill Cup this week, was due to go out second on the La Moraleja One course with Manuel Ballesteros. Severiano's

brother, but slept in at his Madrid

Torrance had only just returned from Korea, where he finished third in a tournament last week, and may have had difficulty adjusting to the time difference.

Andrew Barnett, of Wales, the first reserve, was on the course before the start of play and was called in to take Torrance's place. Andrew Sherborne, whose two European Tour victories were in the Spanish capital, made a good start yesterday, returning a round of 67, five under par, to hold second place with Miguel Martin, of Spain, whose compatriot, Pedro Linhart, leads by two shots. Severiano Ballesteros recorded a

72 and was none too pleased to learn that the leaderboard was showing his score as 70, while Tom Kite, of the United States, recorded a round of 71, spoilt by bogeys at the last two holes.

The 120 professionals in the field will play one round each on the two La Moraleja courses and, for the first 36 holes, will have an amateur partner in a pro-am event. The professional scores will count towards the Tour tournament and the leading 65 after two rounds will play in the last two rounds.

Trish Johnson and Joanne Morley, of Great Britain, will be seeking their second European titles of the season in the 54-hole French Open, which begins in Arras today.

Johnson won the European

Open last month and last week was successful in the LPGA Fieldcrest Cannon Classic as Morley completed a maiden Tour victory in the German Open in Hamburg, Their biggest challenge is expected to come from their Solheim Cup team-mates, Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, from France. and Lisa Hackney.

Hackney won the Welsh Open last May but de Lorenzi has yet to win this season despite ten top-ten finishes in 12 tournaments.

CRICKET

Australia fall prey to India's spinners

ANIL KUMBLE, Sunil Joshi and Aashish Kapoor, the India spin bowlers, exploited a dry and cracked pitch to dismiss Australia for 182 on the first day of the one-off Test match in New Delhi yesterday. India were 57 for one at the close after losing Vikram Rathore for five when he was caught by Ricky Ponting at midwicket off Paul Reiffel.

Kumble, the leg spinner, took four for 63. Joshi, the left-arm spinner, two for 36, and Kapoor two for 30 with his off breaks, as Australia collapsed from 81 for one. Venkatesh Prasad, the fast bowler, made the initial breakthrough after Australia had won the toss and decided to bat on a pitch that was expected to help the slow bowlers. Prasad dismissed Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, leg-before for 27, and Ponting

Scoreboard ...

was yorked by Kapoor for 14 in the last over before lunch.

marked the start of a decline in which Australia's last nine wickets tumbled for 101. Michael Slater, the top scorer, was caught and bowled by Kumble for 44, made in 130 minutes off 96 deliveries and including six fours, and Steve Waugh was caught behind for nought by a fumbling Nayan

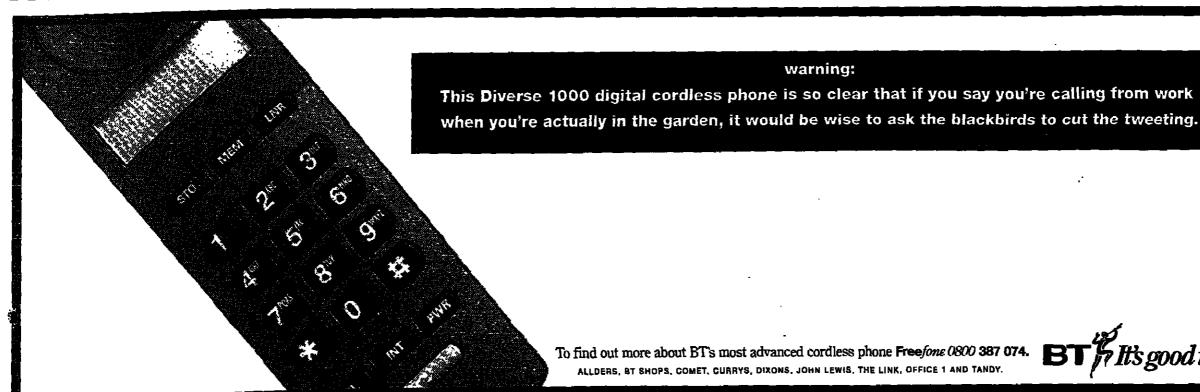
Mongia off an inside edge. Mark Waugh and Michael Bevan briefly checked the slide by adding 49 for the fifth wicket before Bevan, playing across the line. was trapped leg-before by Joshi for 26. Waugh also made 26 before falling to Joshi, and Kumble then polished off the lower order.

India started Mongia struggling for 40 minutes before hitting the first four of the innings. He was unbeaten on 26 at the close. By contrast, Sourav Ganguly, the left-handed batsman, who was playing his third Test after scoring a century in each of his first two in England this summer, struck four fours in his unbeaten 19.

India had brought in David Johnson, the medium-fast bowler, in place of Javagal Srinath, who was declared unfit with a stiff shoulder.

Johnson, 23, is of Anglo-Indian parentage, and toured Sri Lanka and Canada with the India team

for one-day games this year. Geoff Marsh, the Australia coach, said: "We did play a couple of loose strokes but the Indian spinners bowled extremely well. We'd have liked to score 50 or 60 more runs but the hall's turning and it's keeping up and down. We are very much in the game."



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Worry not, there's always Shearer

friend of mine has an interesting global theory of weight loss: that you can lose weight, but someone else gets it. "Trust me," she says, "it's got to go

I was reminded of this interesting transference idea (which explains a lot, actually) yesterday morning, when the burden of international football anxiety carried over from the night before proved so heavy I could hardly get out of bed. The displaced anguish of 75,000 cheering, flag-waving England fans still filled my head like a blizzard, mixed with such hubristic chants as "You're not singing any more" and 'There's only one Stuart Pearce". Not enough overt worrying had gone on in this stadium, I felt, so I undertook the lot. People have always said I "worried for England", incidentally, but somehow i never expected to do it literally.

The worrying started unnecessarily, in fact, on Tuesday night. Let's call it a warm-up. Flicking proudly through my new cable channels at 10pm. I found an arresting picture and stopped. Hey, a line-up of England footballers on a big field in an empty stadium, muttering the usual "Hello mum" to "God Save

the Queen". That's odd, I thought, glancing nervously at the date on the newspaper. That's tomorrow, surely? Unaware of the con-

vention of under-21 internationals, I cast an anxious eye across the room to my precious Wembley ticket (which had cost £28) and experienced a sort of icy grip at the back of my neck, while a series of panic-thoughts leapfrogged each other and I stopped breathing. There's nobody there! They've got the day wrong! What's going on? Those players are complete unknowns! Glenn Hoddle has

gone mad!" So when the man next to me at Wembley on Wednesday night shouted encouragingly in my ear, "You ought to let yourself go," during the eventful three-goal first half, I could only smile weakly and put my head back in my hand. I was the designated worrier, admittedly, but a strange thing had

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Championship se ries: New York 5 Baltmore 4 (in 11Imgs (New York lead best-al-seven series 1-0)

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Championship series; Alianta 4 St Louis 2 (Alianta lead 1-0).

BASKETBALL

ter 80, Leicester 90 Worthing 88, Crystal Palace 67 Manchester 92

Palace 67 Menchester 92
SURIOPEAN LEAGUE: Group B: Bologna (t) 82 Alba Berfin (Ger) 72 Group C: Panatrinalos (Gir) 72 Spill (Cro) 50; Viteurbanne (Fr) 70 Ljubljana (Stovenia) 69: Barcelona (Sp) 90 Bayer Lawerkusen (Ger) 71 Group D: Caja San Fernando (Sp) 91 Dynamo Moscow (Russ) 61.

India v Australia

DELHI (Australia won toss): India, with nine first-mangs wickets in hand, are 125 runs behand Australia

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Kicking and Screaming

definitely happened to the pitch, especially after that early Polish goal: it had somehow tipped up at one end, so that red-suited Poles could roll downhill like gob-stoppers on a tray, while anyone in a white shirt travelling the other way was forced to walk and puff. and carry a big stick.

Why won't they run?" I kept asking aloud. "Run, boys, run!" I developed an impatient gesture, using the back of the hand, trying to waft them. But despite some quite heroic am-

'Seaman's goal was so busy, Poland's goalkeeper was reading a magazine'

> bulatory efforts (two resulting in snatched goals from Shearer), the force of gravity dragged them back downhill, with the result that so much action took place around Seaman's goal (the end I was sitting) I'm quite sure that at one time the Polish goalkeeper was reading a magazine.

The sense of occasion was faultless, and the final result was of course a blessed relief, but the weakness of the England defence was ghastly to behold, like seeing an injured zebra in a wildlife film drag-ging its hind quarters while gathering hyenas smack their lips and laugh. Knowing not much about football tactics, I thought it might be better in the circumstances to give defence up as a bad job and get

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-81, 3-93, 4-94, 5-143, 6-144, 7-147, 8-168, 9-170.

BOWLING: Prasad 12.4-34-1; Johnson 4-1-12-0; Joshi 23-7-36-2: Kumble 24-7-63-4; Kapoor 10-3-30-2

*S.R.Tendulkar, M.Azharuddin, R.S.Dravid, S.Joshi, A.R.Kapoor, A.Kumbie, B.K.V. Prasad and D.Johnson to bat.

BOWLING: McGrath 4-0-8-0; Reliel 6-2-13-1; S R Waugh 4-1-13-0; Mcknyre 4-1-10-0; Hogg 3-1-9-0.

Umpires: P Wiley (England) and S Venkataracharen (India).

CYCLING

LUGANO, Switzerland: World road-race championethips: Ment: Individual firste-trial (40.4km): 1, A Zille (Switz) 48min 13ect; 2, C Boardman (GB) at 39sec; 3, T Rominger (Switz) 41; 4, D Mardello (fi) 1min 1sec; 5, A Peron (fi) 1:34; 6, U Peschel (Ger) 1:39; 24, C Newton (GB) 5:26.

WORLD CUP: European qualifying group one: Denmark 2 Greece 1 (in Copen-

INDIA: First innings V S Rathore c Ponting to Reiffel

Extras (b 4, nb 3)

FALL OF WICKET: 1-13.

Wednesday's late results

WORD WATCHING

(a) The name given to a resinous gum obtained from various Australian trees, especially the blackboy or grass-tree, used for

preparing varnish, paper-size, etc. Etymology unknown. The blackboy gum and Botany Bay gum yield red and yellow

(a) A portion of territory separated from the country to which it politically belongs and entirely surrounded by alien dominions:

seen from the viewpoint of the "home" country (as opposed to an enclave, the same portion of territory as viewed by the surrounding dominious). "New Towns, which are towns and not garden suburbs with odd shopping centres as urban exclaves

(b) The name of a genus (Catananche) of berbs of the family Compositae with blue or yellow flowers. From the Latin catanance a plant used in love potions, Greek katanagkë from kata down + anagkë compulsion. "A packet of seed of catananche which gave me a lovely group of lavender-blue distributions."

(c) Or Emmenthal. The third best cheese in the world, after Roquefort and Gruyère (smaller holes). A Swiss cheese

containing numerous holes. A toponym from Emmental, a region in Switzerland. "Cheese was made in in prehistoric

times, and the craft has developed great heights of skill in the creation of such cheeses as English Stilton, Swiss Emmentaler

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

and a trading estate along the railway.

daisy-like flowers in August."

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everybody attacking, but evi-dently that's not how it's done. The bloke next to me blamed Gary Neville, which seemed reasonable. I've never warmed to him myself. Meanwhile, the bloke's friend called for Platt to be played ("Get Platty"). which encouraged me considerably, since that's what I always say, too.

Would a few drinks beforehand have beloed? I'm talking about the players. While I tirelessly wafted them up the pitch in the first half ("Go, go!"), and beckoned them furiously ("This way! This way!") in the second, I kept thinking of my new friend's advice about letting yourself go. "You ought to let yourselves go," I wanted to yell, but ironically I was too inhibited. Only in the fabulously exciting final minutes did the England side seem to warm up and enjoy themselves. They would get the ball, break ranks, and run.

McManaman and Pearce seemed to be the heroes of the night. Perhaps it's easy for a novice to spot what McManaman is doing (he races like stink), but the crowd loves him too. The big shout of "Yes" goes up for him, just as it goes up for Shearer and Gascoigne. And he is not (in a phrase my

Nan used to use) backward in coming forward, which on Wednesday was a breath of fresh air. Apparently our defence was so weak because Poland had cunningly tricked us. "No, we will not be trying to score goals," they announced beforehand, with

overrated, in our opinion." And we fell for it. Good grief. On a more cheerful note, my Euro 96 pager was reactivated unexpectedly on Tuesday morning and scared the living daylights out of me. I heard its loud buzz from the mantel-

their crossed fingers hidden

behind their backs. "Goals are

piece, and jumped in the air. But the bliss of reunion was a great comfort. My little friend! took it to the match and it kept me up with the English goals, but not the Polish, which was a bit remiss, but considerate. I feel we have a very special bond, that pager and me. I feel it would say "Hey, let yourself go, everybody," if it could.

FOR THE RECORD

Linhart (Sp). 67 A Sharbome, M Martin (Sp). 68: J Cuiros (Sp), S Luna (Sp), M Gronberg Swe), 69: J-M Cantzans (Sp), T Boon (Dort), M Maclerotie, D Higgins, D Giltort 70: S Webster, R Bosall, M Joroson (Swe), P Michel, Y Beamorte (Sp), R Drummand.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Detroit 2 Edmonton D; Montreal 6 Los Angeles 3; Ottawa 3 New

2. Calgary 1 St Louis 3; Vancouver 1 Buffal

RUGBY LEAGUE

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ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 18: Cardiff 24

Harlsquins 53.
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CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University 20 Wesps 36; London Intel 48 Loughborough Students 18; Oxford University 44 Combined London Old Boys 13 SCHOOLS MATCHES: Duffe of York's 11 Sutton Valence 15; King Edward VI, Southempton 59 Ryde 0; Royal School, Dungamon 41 Regent House 0, Delly Mall Linder-18 Cupz Medictione GS 10 St George's, Weybridge 20, Devon Cup; Kelly Coll 18 West Buckland 18.

SPEEDWAY STAR KNOCKOUT CUP-Final, first leg: Wolverhampton 58 (P Karlsson 14, M Kertsson 12, R Correy 12) Pelerborough 38 (J Crump 13, R Suffixen

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Germany 5 (In Erevan), South American zone: Ecuador O Colombia 1 (in Quito); Paraguay 2 Chile 1 (in Asunción); Ven-ezueta 2 Argentina 5 (in Sen Cristobal). INTERNATIONAL MATCH: France 4 Tur-

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: France 4 Turkey 0 (in Paris).

BUFIOPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: Qualifying group two: Italy 6 Georgia 0 (in Arezzo). Group eight: localend 2 Romania 3 (in Raylgoiald, Group nine: Armenia 0 Georgia 1 (in Abovien).

UETA UNDER-18 CHAMPION-SHIP QUALIFYING MATCH: Finland 2 Northern Ireland 0 (all Sourthorpe).

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton 2 Witton 1; Boston 1 Guiseley 1; Colwyn Bay 1 Winstord 2; Knowsley 1 Accrington Sanley 1. First division: Brudford Park Avenue 1 Whitley Bay 2; Farsley Cellic 3 Herograte Town 0.

LEAGUE OF WALES: Cemaes Bay 3 Holywell 3; Cambran 2 Briton Ferry 3; Newtown 1 Welstpool 0; Ton Perine 0 Inter Cable-Tel 3; Caenaerion 3 Corwy 3.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristot City 4 Oxford Utd 1; Norwich 1 Arsenel 1; Portsmouth 2 Crystal Palace 0; West Harn 0 Swaruses 0; Westlind 4 Bournermouth 3 DRACHES CENTER).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE Premier division: Transmers 1 Birmingham 2. First division: Transmers 1 Birmingham 2. First division: Astan Villa 1 Coventry 0; Huddenslield 0 West Bromwich 0; Sunderland 3 Leicester 3; Workerhampton 6 Blackpool 0. Second division: Burnley 5 Mansfield 3; York 1 Barnsley 1. Postponed: Wiesham v Carlisie. Third division: Burnley 5 Mansfield 2; Lincoln 0 Doricaster 0; Wigan 3 Scurthorpe 1. FA CARLSBERG VASE: Second qualitying round: replay: London Coiney 2 Langford 0.

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Eastleigh 3, First qualitying round replays;
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LEAGUE: First division: Queborough 3
Crook 1; Murton 5 Stockton 2.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Brockenhurst 0 Wimborne Town 6;
Petorsfield 0 Bernerton Heath Harl 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE:
Premier division: Sheffield 1 Denaby 2.

UHLSPORT KNOCKOUT CUP: First
round: Kempston 0 Ford Sports 1.

WELSH CUP: Second round: Hoover
Sports 1 Messing Park 2.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Feyencord 3 Groringen 1;
Apax 3 Willem 11 Towng 0; AZBY Alemas 1
Sparta Rotterdam 2; Vitesse Amhein 1
Dods JC Kerkrade 2; NEC Nijmegen 1
Heerstween 1; RKC Washink 0 Valendam 0;
NAC Breds 3 Unrecht 3

SWISS LEAGUE: Baste 1 Young Boys BSC 1; Grasshoppars 0 SC Aarau 0; Neuchtlei Xamas 1; Lucene 1; Servette 1 Lusanne 2;
EC Sion 1 Lugano 0; St Gallen 1 FC Zunch 0.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools
 Fuji Film Trophy: Second round: Mid
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 Sutton 0; South Tyneside 4 Denvertside 0.
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GOLF

MADRID: Old Pro-Am: Early first-round scores (GB and ire unless stated): 65: P



Shearer's two goals not only denied Poland, but they almost defied gravity

HUUL Chris Prime Memorial Junior Championship Trophy: 1, P Scully (Linith-gow) 14pts; 2, L Dickin (Hull) 14; 3, W Bevericipe (Berwick) 13; 4, R Enson

POOLE J T Commercials Pretes Battle of Britain Junior Trophy: 1, M Willis (Ryde); 2, L Richardson (Poole); 3, D Mason (London); 4, B Edridge (Eastbourne) tell.

SQUASH

PETALING JAYA, Malaysis: Penrier Women's world Open: Third round: M Martin (Aus) bt T Sheribon (Eng) 9-1, 9-0, 9-0; L Inving (Aus) bt I Sheribon (Eng) 9-1, 9-3, 9-6; C Jackman (Eng) bt C Nitch (SA) 9-3, 9-5, 9-0; S Schone (Sa) bt L Marsh (Eng) bt F Geases (Eng) 6-9, 9-2, 9-1, 9-0; S Homer (Eng) bt R Cooper (Aus) 9-6, 4-9, 10-9, 9-4; C Ovens (Aus) bt L Charmen (Eng) 9-4, 9-1, 9-5; S Fizderald (Aus) bt P Bearns (AU) 9-3, 9-3, 9-3, 9-2.

SHEFFELD: LTA Autumn satellite tour-nament (GB unless stated): Semi-linatis: R Koenig (SA) bt C Wilsinson 7-6, 6-3; O Fulcarek (Cz) bt C Beacher 3-1 ret.

PERIONG: Men's tournement: First round: H Dreekmann (Ger) bi J Stark (US) 7-6, 4-6.

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Second round: C Mártinez (So) bt A
Carlsson (Swe) 7-5, 6-4; J Wiesner (Austria)
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Huber (Ger) bt B Schultz-McCartry (Hol) 6-1,
6-4; I Majoli (Cro) bt B Ritmer (Ger) 8-4, 63; L Davenport (US) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr)
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SURABAYA, Indonesia: Women's tour-nament: Second round: N Miyary (Jepen)
bt Sung Hee Park (3 Kor) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, N
Dechy (Fr) bt J Huserova (Slovatia) 7-5, 61; S Patowski (Fr) bt T Tarseugern (Tha) 62, 1-4, 6-3; Shi-Ting Wang (Talwan) bt M
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A BRIEF

Rusedski reaches last eight

GREG RUSEDSKI, the Gre Britain tennis No 2 and world No 84. beat Jean-Philippe Fleurian, of France, 6-7, 7-6. 6-1 to reach the quarter-finals of the Peking Open yesterday. Rusedski will now meet Gustavo Kuerten, of Brazil, a player ranked 21 places below nim, in the last eight.

☐ Chris Wilkinson. from Hampshire, won the Lawn Tennis Association overall circuit title despite losing 7-6, 6-3 in the semi-finals of the Autumn Satellite Masters in Sheffield to Robbie Koenig, of South Africa.

☐ BASKETBALL: Six England players employed by foreign clubs have been called up for the home European championship tie against Latvia at Leicester on October 30 after assuring Laszlo Nemeth, the national team coach, of

the national team coach, of their availability.
ENGLAND SQUAC: P Scantlebury (Thomes Valley Tigers, captain), J Armsochi (Panathenalios, Gr). S Bucknuti (Artidis, Gr), S Dunkley (Limogas, Fr). A Gardiner (Williewrocke, Bel), D Herriman (Trieste, II), I Whyte (Besençon, Fr), N Austin, C Brown tooth London Towers), R Baker, R Scantlebury (both Crystal Palace), P Grainger (Manchester Gleris), R Huggirts, I McKinney, M Payne, J Sweine (all Sheffield Sharks), A Simms (Newcastle).

SPEEDWAY: The sport in Britain is looking forward to a boom with up to six new tracks preparing to stage league racing in 1997. Prospective promoters at Newcastle, Newport (South Wales), St Austell and Clevedon (Bristol) have already been in contact with the sport's authorities expressing interest in entering sides in the Conference League next year.

☐ MOTOR RACING: Alessandro Nannini, the Italian driver whose right arm was severed and then sewn back on after a helicopter crash five years ago, is to test a Benetton-Renault Formula One car in Portugal next month.

Lord of the fisticuffs

Readings from the Archives: Billy the Kid. Radio 3, 8.15pm.

Recorded nine years after he wrote Lord of the Flies, William Golding's talk could more aptly have been called Lord of the Flying Golding's talk could more aptly have been called Lord of the Flying Golding's talk could more aptly have been cared Lord of the Flying Fists. It is about his first days at school. Angelic-looking he might have been, with hair like a field of ripe corn, and eyes like cornflowers, but he was a fighting machine. School meant punches on the nose, delivered between lessons. Achilles and Lancelot gave him the desire to be a bruiser, not a sense of human nobility. Billy the him the desire to be a bruiser, not a sense of institutionally. Bully the Kid charts the unexpected process by which, after their belicose beginning, William Golding's schooldays "seemed likely to come to a full stop from sheer excess of charity".

Evening Concert. Classic FM, 8.00pm.

There are passages in the closing minutes of several Vaughan Williams works so exquisitely written that they briefly rob me of the power of speech. One comes at the end of The Lark Ascending to the comes at the end of the Lark Ascending. Another comes tonight in the last few bars of Serenade to Music, inspired by the Lorenzo and Jessica love some from The Merchant of Venice ("How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon this bank"). If you thought there was already music enough in Shakespeares words, just tune in tonight. The recording is not, alas, the famous performance with Isobel Baillie in the choral cast of 16, but the very acceptable 1969 recording with Norma Burrowes, and Bouli conducting.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30em Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00 Nodey Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodler 7.00 Essentital Selection, with Pete Tong Includes at 9.30 the Friday Night Hot Mb. 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 3,00mm Annie Nightingale 5,00 Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy. Incl. IFM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy, Incl. 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.80 Alex Lester 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Med about Musicals 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night. Live from North Wales Theatre 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Sheridan Morkey 12.05am Charles Nove, incl 1.30 Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breaklast Programme incl at 6.55, 7.55 racing preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Brian Hayes, incl 10.35 News from Europe 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl 12.35pm Monsycheck, with Philippa Lamb 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl 3.45 Enterteinment News 7.00 News Estra, with David McNeil 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 8.30 Friday Sport, with Robin Balley, Includes a review of the week's European footbell action 10.05 Paper Talk, with Jay Payner and Brian Alexander 11.00 Night Edna, with Devid McNeil 12.05am Alter Hours 2.05 Up All Night, with Richard Deliyn

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breakfast 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scoti Chisholm 12.00 Anna Raeburn 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime 7.00 Sportszone 10.00 Mike

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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah, smons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concert. Villa-Lobos (Guitar Concerto) 3.00 Nick Bailey 6.00 Classic Newsraght, with Jane Markham 6.30 Sonate 7.00 Classic Showcase 8.00 Evening Concert. See Choice 10.00 Michael Mappin, inclast 11.00 Friday Live 1.00am Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00mm Russ 'n' Jono's Breeklast Experience 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Banks 10.00 Alam Freeman 12.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00mm Howard Pearce

RADIO 3 2.00 Quattro Invenzioni, by Gian

6.00am On Air, with Andrew
McGregor, Merbecke
(Domine Jhesu Christe) 6.30
Building a Library, Best of the
Bunch, Revel's Piano Trib
7.05 Bizet (L'Amour est un
Oiseau Rebelle, Carmen Act
1); Bruch (Schön Eiten)
9.00 Morning Collection.
Includes Saint-Saéns
(Overture: Spartacus); Mozart
(Piano Trio in G, K564);
Weber (Rondo Brillante in E
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(Jean de Nivelle); Wallace (Symphonic Poem No 3: Sister Helen); Hotkanen ı); Hokkanen (Tango for Marsha); Be (Sheep May Salely Graze, BWV208); Chopin (Etudes, F minor. No 6 in G sharp minor, No 12 in C minor) 12.00 Composer of the Week:

12.00 Composer of the Week: Smetana 1.00pm News; Chamber Musk from Manchester. Michael George, bass, John Constable, piano Schumann

(Five Songs, Op 40); Ibert (Quaire Chansons de Don Quichotte); Dutilieux (Four Melodies); Head (Over the Rim of the Moon); Strauss (Wie Sollten wir Gehelm Sie

Francesco Melipiero 2.15 Music Restored 3.00 Mining the Archive. Schnittike (Symphony No 2, St Florien); Rawsthorne (Concerto for two pianos): Tippett (The Vision of St

Augustine)
5.00 litusic Machine: Guitars
5.15 in Tune, with Mairi Nicholso
including Berlioz (Overture:
Benvenuto Cellini); Bach
(Prelude and Fugue in F
sharp minor, BWW859);
Myzart (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat, K364

7.30 BBC National Orchestra of **Wales.** Live from the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea. Conductor Mariss Jansons, Beethoven (Overture: Egmont); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 22 in E flat K482 8.15 Readings from the Archives: Billy the Kid. See Choice 8.36 Concert, Schubert (Symphony No 9)

9.35 Third Words 10.00 Hear and Now. The first concert in a short season Contemporary Artsin London 12.00 Composer of the Week: Steve Reich at 60 (r) 1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Madeod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, Incl Weather
6.10 Farming Today 6.25
Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, Incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport
7.45 Thought for the Day
8.40 Changing Trains. Steven
Norris, MP, former Transport
Minister, reads his memoirs
(5/5) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island
Discs. Scientist Professor
Lewis Wolgert (f)

Lewis Wolpert (r)
9.45 Feedback, Chris Dunkley airs

listeners' views 10.00 Act of Worship (LW) 10.15

On This Day (LW)
10.00 News; At the Shoulder of History (FM) (2/5)
10.30 Woman's Hour: 50th

Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm The Food Programme,
with Derek Cooper 12.55
Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping

Forecast 2.00 News; The Classic Serial:

Dombey and Son (6/6) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope
4.45 Short Story: Pedestrian
5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe in Bournemouth 5.50 Shipping

6.30 Going Places
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week 8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan nbleby is joined in Warminster, Wiltshire, by Paddy Ashdown, MP; Viscount Cranbourne; Bridger Rosewell and Peter Mandelson, MP

6.00 Six O'Clock News

8.50 Speaking as an Expert 9.15 Letter From America 9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Jeremy Harris

10.45 Book at Bedtime: I'm Here I
Think, Where Are You?
Timothy West reads labor.

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Scales (5/5) (r)
11.00 Week Ending. The topical
corriedy sketch show starring
Sally Grace and Jon Glover,
Julie Gibbs and John Duttine
11.25 Tea Junction, with Patrick
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Hannan and guests 11.45 Coupons and Nylons: The Underside of VE Day, With

Frank Fraser
12.00 News, incl 12.27am Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Two Girls, One a Gazelle, by Barbara Mercer. Read by Joanna Monro (2/2) (r) 12.48

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It's a fair cop, guv, but is it blue enough?

Or was it Hill Street Blues that kicked the whole thing off? Anyway, whichever pioneering American cop show deserves the credit, the BBC borrowed the camera work and the colour and brought us Out of the Blue presumably after audience research showed that Dixon of Dock Blue was a non-starter.

Last night, ITV borrowed all that was left - the mood and the music - and brought back Thief Takers for a second series. It is still a terrible title (what no blue?) but for two thirds of an enjoyable hour, the content bordered on the magnificent. This was no mean achievement given that the content also bordered on the extremely un-

We began, however, on a lighter note, with a new member of the cast. Amanda Pays as DS Anna Dryden. Hang on, Amanda Pays? sn't she a fabulously beautiful

point. DI Copper, up to a point.
Anyway, the upshot of Pays's return to Britain is that the latest recruit to the Flying Squad is er ... fabulously beautiful.

This did not go unnoticed by her male colleagues who upheld the finest traditions of the police with much macho muttering, beginning with "she'll do" and deteriorating rapidly from then on. Dryden, aided and abetted by the equally good-looking DC Grace Harris (Pooky Quesnel), respond-ed as only television policewomen can, by wearing a succession of ever tighter T-shirts. It may not solve the harassment problem, but it'll do wonders for the ratings.

Not that the ratings have much to worry about after last night's impressive return. Dryden established her credentials by rugbytackling an escaping armed robber. So overcome with grati-tude was Dalton (Robbie Gee), that

Tirst there was NYPD Blue. Hollywood film star? Well up to a he began singing like a canary with an extremely thick Jamaican accent. Sub-titles might have helped (I have the same problem with Hamish Macbeth sometimes) but I think the upshot was that a Manchester gang knew there was an undercover policeman waiting for them in London. DC Alan Oxford (Gary McDonald) was in very serious trouble.

> The scenes between McDonaid and Grant Masters, playing his captor and philosophising termenter, were exceptionally strong, with Masters wringing maximum menace from his apparent role as a ruthless drug-dealer. Only later - when Roy Mitchell's script got just a bit too clever for its own good - did we discover that all was not what it threatened to be. A crusading assassin who leaves his finger-prints all over the place? Be scrious. Visually, this opening episode

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was in danger of looking almost too good - and I'm not talking about Amanda Pays again. Interiors weren't interiors unless they were moodily lit through a skylight or air vent, while what good were arrests at Heathrow if a Concorde wasn't taking off just a few feet overhead? There must have been cheers when that one came off but, as long as the rest of the series continues to mix style

effect, there will be more to come. But nothing like the roar that will go up when the long hand of the law finally feels the shoulder of Cindy Beale. The question is, will

it? In last night's EastEnders (BBCI) it was looking horribly as if her limp rag of a husband might get her off the hook, "I love Cindy and she loves me," he told the wonderfully disbelieving DC1 Mason (Campbell Morrison). What I can't work out is how being shot in the stomach can have affected lan's memory so badly.

The Walford whisky bottle, which in recent weeks has been permanently glued to Phil's right hand, has now passed to David Wicks. Given that his preferred form of stress relief is making a pass at one of his many former wives, this can only be seen as a positive step. He's in quite enough

But what I want to know is when

searching for lan's attacker to launch a hunt for the real Grant Mitchell. Making breakfast for Tiffany, putting the word round for Kath - even helping his beetroot-faced brother take the First Step - it's clear to anybody that's he been kidnapped and replaced by an impostor.

s I say, that is what I want to know. What I would like to have been, on the other hand, is a fly on the wall of Michael Grade's office when he watched the first instalment of Desire (Channel 4). Did he sit back and applaud or was there a long ghastly silence as he realised he had an absolute pup on his hands? I'm inclined - strongly inclined - to the latter.

This was the programme that was supposed to revolutionise fashion coverage on television. What it delivered was a charmless.

and substance to such polished the police will take time off from snobbish 30-minute plug for the sort of fashion designers who make millions out of expensive scent and shouldn't have a television programme to help them.

it promised gossip. A breathless Sophie Anderton, whose exquisite eyebrows appear to have a mind of their own, revealed that Desire predicts John Galliano is set to take over at Dior", which is about as new as chocolate being the new black. It promised fashion in-sights, which last night included what male models wear to casting sessions and debutantes wear to Queen Charlotte's Ball. Nice to see the producers taking Channel 4's remit to provide broadcasting for minorities so seriously.

As for the much-vaunted controversy, we got Johnny Moke, the shoe designer, whose particular hobby horse was . . . the appalling state of the nation's footwear. Well. knock me down with a feather boa. there was a surprise.

6.00am Business Breakfast (73140) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (94481) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Cee(ax) 155462561

9.20 Style Challenge (s) (2431091) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (2261072) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (82091) 11.00 News, Regional News and weather

(Ceefax) (6845091) 11.05 Conference Live. Today sees John Major deliver his speech to the delegates Including news at 12.00 (s) (93385898)

1.00pm News and weather (Ceefax) (14898) 1.30 Regional News (57397695) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceetax) (s) (44354817) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (4362) 2.30 Peter Seabrook's Gardening Week (s) (879)

3.00 incognito (s) (6099) 3.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood (r) (Ceetax) (s) (7398508) 3.55 Dear Mr Barker (s) (9694633) 4.10 The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest (s) (Ceelax) (6068695) 4.35 Grange Hill (r) (Ceelax) (s) (2935148) 5.00 Neursround (Ceelax) (2331091) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceelax) (s) (6437695)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (154966) 6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (508) 6.30 Regional news megazines (188)

7.00 Muppets Tonight! Frantic lamily entertainment. The show's special guest this evening is Whoopi Goldberg (Ceelax) (s)

7.25 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (696324) 8.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel surprises another personality with the Big Red Book (Ceelax) (s) (1898)

8.30 Auntie's TV Favourites: Drama. The run-up to the BBC's TV60 Awards in November continues with a look back at some of the channel's outstanding performers and drama series that have appeared over the years. Viewers are given a chance to vote for their own personal preferences (Ceefax) (s) (3/5)

9.00 News, Regional News and weather (Ceetax) (6072)

9.30 Dangerfield: Eden (Ceefax) (s) (673701)

10.20 The Nation's Favourite Poems. Presented by Griff Rhys Jones (Ceefax) (755573)

10.45 FILM: A Cry in the Dark (1988). Based on the true story of Lindy Chamberlain, the Australian woman who was accused of murder despite her claims that her baby was dragged off by a dingo. Strong performances from Sam Neill and Meryl Streep are the highlights of the film. Directed by Fred Schepisi (s) (25560072)

12.40 FILM: Dr Terror Presents: Devils of Darkness (1965). Supernatural chiller about a writer and some friends who encounter a satanic cult while on holiday in Brittany, When two members of his group are mysteriously killed, the writer becomes unwittingly involved with the eader of the cult, who turns out to be a 400-year-old vampire. With William Sylvester, Hubert Noël and Tracy Reed. Directed by Lance Comfort (1068657)

2.10am-2.15 Weather (8223541)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (Cee(ax)

7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (4679121) 7.55 Smart (r) (Ceetax) (s) (8745898) 8.20 The Greedysaurus Gang (7678966) 8.25 Spider (2316966) 8.35 Lassie (8195072)

9.00 French Experience (5553546) 9.15 The Business Studies Collection (400985) Business Studies Collection (400985) 9.45 Watch (1880985) 10.00 Playdays (98382) 10.30 What? When? Where? Why? (1928256) 10.45 Revista (1916411) 11.00 Look and Read (9694904) 11.20 Short Circuit (9558614) 11.40 English Time (1847430) 12.00 English File: Death of a Salesmen (71985) 12.30pm Working Lunch (92017) 1.00 Scene (44940) 1.30 Technology Starters (57319817) 1.45 Words and Pictures (57307072) 2.00 The Greedysaurus Gang (81872782) The Greedysaurus Gang (81872782) 2.05 Spider (81871053)

2.10 Racing from Ascot(193169) 3.55 News (8388614) 4.00 Today's the Day (701) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (985) 5.00 Esther (s) (3256) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone (s) (237)

6.00 Slider. The group travels to a dimension in which an asteroid is on a collision course with the Earth (s) (512343) 6.45 Conference Talk (s) (128188)

7.35 A Week to Remember. Pathe newsree (ootage from 1956 (b/w) (r) (482492) 7.45 One Man and His Dog. Robin Page introduces three Scots competitors in the sheepdog trials from Combernere in Shropshire (Ceefax) (s) (890614)



Gardener Rosemary Verey (8.30pm)

8.30 English Country Garden:
April — the Early Spring Garden (Ceefax) (s) (1275)

9.00 Shooting Stars. Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer host the zany comedy quiz with team captains Unika Jonsson and Mark Laman. Special guests are Jo Brand, Gary Rhodes, Russell Grant and Carol Smille (Ceefax) (s) (4614)

9.30 All Rise for Julian Clary. The laconic comedian dispenses justice, after listening to the gripes and grievances of the person in the street (Ceelax) (s) 10.00 Have I Got News for You. Guests this

week are Peter Stringfellow and Rhona Cameron (s) (72614)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceelax) (228695) 11.15 Seinfeld (Ceelax) (s) (173256) 11.40 Grace under Fire (s) (7760589)

12.30 FILM: My Little Chickadee (1940 b/w). Comedy western set in the late 1880s. Directed by Edward Cline. Ends at 2.00

CHOICE

English Country Garden BBC2. 8.30pm

It may be autumn in the real world but Rosemary Verey's series has moved on. We Rosemary Verey's series has moved on. We are in the spring, a season she likes for its uncertainty even if this means a splendid magnolia being browned by a late frost. Although Verey continues to offer tips that she hopes any of us might use, the thrust of her series continues to be the gardens of the rich, and in tonight's two cases, the famous. Elton John's multi-acre plot in Berkshire was designed and laid out by Verey, a perhaps unlikely meeting of a subversive rock star and a traditional Englishwoman. Among and a traditional Englishwoman. Among other things Verey created is a white garden in the image of Sissinghurst, but the red telephone box with its statue of Aphrodite inside is pure John. The other rich man's garden belongs to Lord Carrington, the former Foreign Secretary.

In Suspicious Circumstances ITV, 9.00pm

Donning his familiar overcoat and heavy speciacles. Edward Woodward rounds off the current series with stories of two men who were implicated in murders by innuendo rather than hard evidence and had their lives destroyed. Philip Yale Drew was drink and spent his later career in the lower reaches of the British theatre. While playing melodrama in Reading he was linked with the killing of an elderly tobacconist. Charles Luard, a former soldier who had retired to Kent, became the target of accusing telephone calls and poison pen letters after his wife of 33 years was found shot dead. There is absorbing material here but as before in these programmes, a tighter commentary and a less florid dramatisation might have made more effective use of it.

Of late the police-cum-medical drama has diluted its main story by trying to tram in too many random sub-plots. But be assured that toment: episoae unconnected elements (a young mother's suicide, an arson attack) are skilfully interwoven, though that does not become apparent until near the end. Fiona Victory's stern and humourless Irish doctor is getting a higher profile these days, leaving Dangerfield (Nigel Le Vaillant) to anguish even more than usual over his troublesome children. And with daughter Al (Tamzin Malleson) six months pregnant and alone in her cottage in the woods. Dad has every reason to worry. Tom Bell guests in a role he does so well, the brooding, uncommunicative loner who may just be a man who prefers his own company but could equally be up to something very nasty.

The Nation's Favourite Poems BBC1, 10.20pm

National Poetry Day (which fell yesterday) has been the cue for a week of celebrity readings dotted through the BBC schedules and the chance for viewers to vote for their favourite modern poem. In a poll last year Kipling's If emerged as the people's all-time choice but as the cut-off point this time is the last 50 years there will have to be a new winner it will be revealed and read in a programme hosted by Griff Rhys Jones and reaturing other readings by Julia Sawalha and Patricia Hodge. Those with sharp ears may have noticed that all sorts of programmes recently, from Breakfast With Frost to Grandstand and the weather forecast, have been surreptitiously featuring lines of verse. Tonight these examples of poetic licence will be brought together and identified. Peter Waymark 6,00am GMTV (7545817)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) (2416782) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6203966) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (92188)

10.30 This Morning (27513430) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7480966) 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3122508) 12.55 Murder, She Wrote (s) (4757782) 2.00 Home and Away (Teleteri) (s) (27731985) 2.25 Quisine (Teletexi) (s)

(27734072) 2.55 Yan Can Cook (r) (s) (3926530) 3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (5435256) 3.25 Regional News (Telelext) (5434527)

3.30 Jays World (9686614) 3.40 The Adven tures of Dawdie (9666350) 3.55 Oscar and Friends (8375140) 4.00 Roger and the Rottentrolls (Teletext) (8766275) 4.15 Hurricanes (Teletext) (s) (6085362) 4.40 Fun House (Teletext) (s) (8200850) 5.10 A Country Practice (s) (8231072)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (603817) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) (143411)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (301324) 7.00 Catchphrase. Quiz game presented by Roy Walker. (Teletext) (s) (1166) 7.30 Coronation Street. Tricia is very upser

by a letter she receives from her jailbird husband (Teletext) (140) 8.00 The Bill. Meadows and Rawton have difficulty in persuading the girlfriend of a suspected rapist to help them in his arrest

(Teletext) (6966) 8.30 Strange but True? Encounters.
Includes the story of American psychic
Divide Yeterian, who helped the police solve cases with detailed information from her visions. She was so successful visit her — and her story becomes stranger still (Talelext) (s) (8701)



9.00 in Suspicious Circum stances (Teletext) (s) (9411) 10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (69140) 10.30 HTV West News (436237)

10.40 Late and Live. Interactive talk show Tonight's guest is one of the Birminohan six, Paddy Joe Hill, who spent 16 years in prison only to be cleared by the Court of Appeal and released in 1991 (9504695) 12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents

12.45 Ed's Night Party (89270) 1.15 Funny Business (s) (86183) 1,45 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s

(794096) 2.45 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (4887522) 3.10 War and Remembrance (r) (244725) 5.00 Best of British Motorsport (1) (68270) 5.30 News (53251)

As HTV WEST except: 2.55pm-3,20 Look and Cook (3926530) 5.10 Let's Go (2543091)

6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (301324) 10.40 Berry Welsh Is Coming (786782) 11.10 Mainty Men (893508) 11.40 Swift Justice (376121)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Coronation Street (3130527) 1.25-1.55 Quisine (64276807) 1.55 Home and Away (14780879) 2.25 High Road (27734072) 2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (3926530) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8231072) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (42512)

10.30 Westcountry News (450817) 10.45 Club 2245 (630459) 11.45 Highlander (629343)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (3130527) 1.25 Quisine (64276807) 1.55 A Country Practice (44328492)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8231072) 6,25-7.00 Central News and Weather 10.40 Central Weekend (9504695)

12.10am Sledge Hammer (7737251) 12.40 Comedy Central (7591947) 1.40 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (8141928)

2.40 cyber.cafe (4888251) 3.05 Hetter Sketter (7389893)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 Quisine (3130527) 1.55 A Country Practice (44328492)

5.10 Home and Away (8231072) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (42512) 10.30 Meridian News and Weather (450817) 10.45 A406 (205527)

11.15 The Loop (295140) 11.45 Bon Jovi Live at Wembley (629343) 5.00am Freescreen (68270)

\$40 Starts: 6.35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (9056275) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (97121) 9.00 Here's One I Made Earlier (86817) 9.30 Ysgolion: Eurekal (1887898) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (1875053) 10.00 Fourways Farm (7512324) 10.10 TVM (4783343) 10.25 The Technology Programme (4788898) 10.40 Off Limits (8098701) 11.05 Conference Report: The Leader's Speech (3519169) 12.30pm Backdate (93695) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (44968) 1.30 Film: The Pickwick Papers (48527) 3.30 The Living Sea (362) 4.00 Fifteen to One (169) 4.30 Dosh (463) 5.00 5 Pump: Tarol Tarol (5722256) 5.15 5 Pump: Nina (2310508) 5.30 Countdown (633) 6.05 Heno (161817) 6.35 Jacpot (310256) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (421121) 7.25 Testament Y Belbi Wedi'i Hanimeiddio (612362) 8.00 Llwybrau Del (4508) 8.30 Newyddion (6343) 9.00 Gian Hafren (7053) 10.00 Brookside (67782) 10.30 Rory Bremner . . . Who Else? (222411) 11.10 Eurotrash (884850) 11.40 T.F.I. Friday (307091) 12.45am Film: Zolfan, Hound of Dracula (908744) 2.20 Film: The Gorgon

3.55 Film: Invasion

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12.30pm Backdate (Teletext) (93695) 1.00 Sesame Street (8972275) 1.55 Blind Man's Bluff (44335782)

2.15 FILM: No Trees in the Street (b/w, 1959) with Sylvia Sims, Joan Miller and Herbert Lorn. A mother tries to force her daughter to marry the local criminal big shot as a way out of the gutter. Directed by J. Lee Thompson (187508)

4.00 Fifteen to One (169) 4.30 Countdown (463) 5.00 Cutting Edge (r) (Teletext)

6.00 T.F.L Friday. The guests include Peter O'Toole and Keith Allen. With music from Suede and Jools Holland (s) (42594) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Telelext) (8169) 8.00 Garden Doctors (Teletext) (s) (4508)

8.30 Brookside. Nat tries to prevent Georgia from confessing all (Teletext) (6343) 9.00 Caroline in the City. American sit-com

Big City (9782)



9.30 Friends. Joey's ill-advised comments to a fan magazine could wreck his acting career (Teletext) (s) (13459)

10.00 Frasier. When Diane Chambers blows into Seattle for the premiere of her new play, Frasier is torn between still carrying a torch for her and resentment at being ditched at the altar (Teletext) (s) (67782) 10.30 Rory Bremner . . . Who Else? (222411) 11.10 Eurotrash. Antoine de Caunes looks at a

new trend in Italy — the rise of female erotic cartoonists, challenging the previous preserve of men (884850) 11.40 TFI Friday (r) (s) (307091)

12.45 FILM: Zolten, Hound of Dracula (1978) with José Ferrer and Michael Pataku A Transylvanian vampire and a vampinsh dog travel to Los Angeles in search of Dracula's last living descendant. Directed by Albert Band (908744)

2.20 FILM: The Gorgon (1964) with Peter Cushing, Christopher Lee and Barbara Shelley, in a 19th-century Balkan village fives the last of a legendary line, the Gorgon. Directed by Terence Fisher

with Nick Adams, Akira Takada and Kumi Mizuno. Godzilla and Rodan venture into space to hight a flying dragon which is on a mission to destroy Earth. Directed by Inoshiro Honda (691270) Ends at 5.35am

For more comprehensive langs of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

7.00em Undan (57527) 9.00 Press Your Luck (509634) 9.20 Jeopardyl (2196633) 9.45 The Quian Wintrey Show (3504637) 9.45 The Quian Wintrey Show (3504637) 10.40 Real IV (422614) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (562017) 12.00 Geraldo (34966) 1.00pm 1 to 3 (24701) 3.00 Jenny Jones (36850) 4.00 The Oprah Wintrey Show (55965) 5.00 Quantum Leep (5904) 6.00 The Management (24860) 10.00 The Management (248 155985) 5.00 Quartum Leep 15904) 5.00 The New Adventures of Superman (23850) 7.00 LAPD 16633) 7.30 M*A-S*H 9459) 8.00 Just Hudding (2053) 8.30 Coppers (1158) 9.00 Walker, Texas Range (95081) 10.00 Quartum Leap 165850] 11.00 The New Adventures of Superman (60091) 12.00 Michaelth Caller (95170) 1.00ann LAPD (85560) 13.0 Read TV (82199) 2.00 Hill Leap 1914 (154441) Lie Long Play (64541) SKY 2

7.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (42)8275(8.00 Nowhere Man (4294695) 9.00 Models for (4214459) 10.00 Fire 4217546) 11.00 Late Show, with Dand Leverman (1327324) 12.00 Fil.Ma Nosteratu the Vampyre (2044638) 2.00am Hil Mix Long Play (6032034)

SKY NEWS Workshops news coverage, with bulletins on the bour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week **SKY MOVIES**

6.00am Anne of Green Gables (1934) (24917) 7.30 Proudheart (1993) (27904) (24917, 7.30 Proudheart (1993) (27904) 8.30 Tender Is the Night (1961) (310237) 11.00 Rhinestone (1964) (31275) 1.00pm Danny (1979) (25979) 2.30 Macshayne: Winner Takes All (1994) (21701) 4.00 Running Brave (1963) (508) 6.00 Csr 2.2004 (1966) (508) 6.00 Csr rainning Brave (1983) (7508) 6.00 Carl Signers Are You? (1994) (7696) 8.00 St. (1994) 471-211) 10.00 China Moon (1994) (251169) 11.40 Bullet in the Heari (1990) (42110527) 1.50em Deadly Voys (1994) (7625270) 3.20-8.00 Accidental Meeting (1993) (50220676)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 8.00am Chad Hanna (1940) (22459) 7.30 The Polar Bear King (1992) (86922) 9.00 The Cerden (1994) (35492) 10.00 My Family Treesure (1993) (57817) 12.00

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4.00pm The Matchmaker (1958) 19367459) 5.45 A Ferencell to Arms (1957) 91657879 8.20 Mickey Spillane's More Than Murder (1964) (22.13985) 10.00 Nico (1988) (916459) 11.45 The Partic in Needle Park (1971) (183966) 1,35am The Diany of Arms Frank (1959) 46713725) 4.25-5.45 Klondite Annie (1936) (5540725)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

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SKY SPORTS 1 7,00am Sky Sports Centre (£9689) 7.30
Wrestling — Action 20no (45224) 8.30
Racing News [14362] 8.00 Sky Sports
Centre (£6534) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style
(42633) 10.00 European Gall Alfed Dunftill
Cup — Live (7481633) 4.30pm Gillatte
World Sport Special (4546) 4.59 Sky Sports
Centre (£510850) 5.00 Netbusters (£452)
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8.00pm Pans Rugby Sevens (8125411) 10.00 WWF — Raw (8144546) 11.00 Superstars (6269350) 12.30em-1.30 Cua **SKY SPORTS 3** 12.00 Paris Rugby Sevens Day 1 — Live (89852998) 7.00pm Friday Nght Football Norwich City v Ipswich Town — Live (64311324) 10.00-12.00 Food Scorpto Golf

EUROSPORT 6.00am Formula 1 (57140) 7.00 Formula 1 (87960) 8.00 Motorcycling Magazine (17459) 8.30 Motors (52965) 9.30 Formula 1 (64275) 11.30 Formula 1 (39188) 12.30pm Eurohin (48817) 1.00 Tennia — Live (7341456) 8.00 Formula 1 (23508) 7.00 Truck Rang (52169) 8.00 Sumo (31817) 9.00 Formula 1 (11053) 10.00 Strength (14140) 11.00 Motorsports (58625) 12.00-12.30em Pro Westing (34164) 4.00

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From 6.00am-9.00 TV High Street. Includes consumer news and leatures and From 8.00am-9.00 TV high Street. Includes consumer news and leatures and Your Stars presented by Russell Grant From 9.00-12.00 Food and Wine. Includes recipes and ideas from Della Smith and Kath Royd From 12.00-3.00pm Health and Beauty. Includes Diet and Fitness with Rosemary Contex.

THE HISTORY CHANNEL **4.00pm** Biography (8699508) 5.00 Ancient Mysteries (2958546) **6.00** Weapons at Was (3745701) **7.00-8.00** Biography (8145275) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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from Spin-Sam Monday to Wednesday and 1am-Sam Thursday to Sunday on salellite, and from Sam-4am every day on cable 1.00am Tales of the Unexpected (6876676) 1.30 New Altred Hitchcock (9273183) 2.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3877454) 2.30 Roc Serling's Night Gallery (3896589) 3.00 Friday the 1.3th (6726541) 3.55-4.00 Ouans

Films, leatures and classic series every day

TLC/DISCOVERY

9.00mm The Joy of Painting (7484237) 9.30 Gardeners' Deary (2305053) 10.00 Two's Country (4680256) 10.30 The House (7473121) 11.00 Furmine to Go (5057091) 11.30 Cratiwise (5005492) 12.00 Julia Child (7497701) 12.30pm Greham Kerr (4200689) 1.00 Yan Can Cook (7055091) 1.30 Home Again (9155530) 2.00 Hometime (8065169) 2.30 Garden Club Hometime (8065169) Zair Gargeri Coo. (5771169) 3.00 Rev Hunt's Fishing Adven-tures (8077904) 3.30-4.00 This Old House From 4.00pm-Midnight DISCOVERY as

4.00pm Rex. Hunt's Fishing Adventures (5755121) 4.30 Bush Tucker Man (5784633) 5.00 Time Travellers (6049121) 5.30 Junassica II (5775985) 8.00 Shark

Week (7155350) 7.00 Crocodile Hunters

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6.00em Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (77492) 6.30 Biker Mice from Mars (63614) 7.00 Rocko's Modern Life (3721661) 7.15 Hey Amold (8462430) 7.30 Ruggers (81508) 8.00 Doug (13633) 8.30 Asanhifi Real Monsters (12904) 9.00 Whore in the World is Carmen Sendlego? (26576) 9.30 Wishbone (40275) 10.00 Baneras in Pylemas (4263701) 10.10 Kette and Orbie (1132427) 10.35 Mr Man (6269362) 10.40 Will Ouach Ouach (6266275) 10.45 Senanas in Pyja-mas (6886140) 11.00 BBC Block (90256)

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8.00pm WCW Nitro on TNT (76821966) 9.00 The Spy, with My Face (1985) 7/6824653) 11.00 Sting Target (1972) (41206665) 12.40am Hussy (1979) 43604396) **12.40em Hussy (1979)** 43604396) **2.20-5.00 The Spy, with My**

Face (1966) (52337831) **PERFORMANCE** 7.00pm Back to Bach (1761850) 8.00 Verdi's Un Bailo in Maschera (8202838) 10.30 Smentana's Evocative Ma Vlast (9867508) 12.00-1.00em Summer Jazz — Dizzy Gilesple (7141725)



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tion with football coverage is

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Edwards is the largest

shareholder at the club, with a

17 per cent stake, while the rest

of the shares are held largely

by City institutions, thus mak-

ing United a prime target for a takeover — if the offer valued

the club at a higher level than

its present £285 million rating. United, conceivably, could

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Giants compete to take over United

the most profitable football club in the world, is being lined up as the subject of a takeover bid that will value the public limited company at more than £350 million.

Martin Edwards, the chief executive of Manchester United plc and chairman of the football club, has already rejected overtures from Michael Grade of Channel Four television. Grade is the chairman of a video distribution company, VCI, which approached the United board with a takeover proposal valuing the club at £300 million.

That was rejected because Edwards did not feel there was enough depth to VCI's business plan for the football club and because the value of the company leapt when year-

announced this week -- despite several adverse trading factors. However, Edwards accepts that the VCI bid will be the first of many, with a scramble amongst leading leisure and television companies to secure the most financially attractive sports club in Great Britain. The Times can reveal that several business giants, includ-

in buying the club. Edwards has privately said that it would take upwards of £350 million to buy United. That will not deter Granada. one of the most powerful independent television companies in Britain, which is based in

ing Granada and Whitbread.

have expressed a strong interest

United presents a massively attractive proposition for Granada, because of a television revolution — pay-per-view —

O'Meara sets pace in Dunhill Cup

Scotland fall

to stroke of

good fortune

By Mark Souster

David Maddock identifies some of the suitors queueing

up to woo the most profitable football club in the world

that will sweep Britain within the next three years. The company has developed the technology, through its cable and satellite interests, to beam United matches into most homes in the country.

United has commissioned a recent report on the impact of pay-per-view, which found that the FA Carling Premiership could command as much as £3 billion in fees per year. with United apparently able to secure a slice of anything up to £500 million of that total figure. Those figures are probably exaggerated, but expert analysis in the City suggests that a turnover figure of around £250 million should be



attainable for United within

million on a turnover of £53 growth within the short-term is obvious. Big television companies like Granada and

vision deal with BSkyB ends and it can introduce its own pay-per-view service. With a television company at the Channel Four would also have the massive bonus of being helm, such figures would be able to offer their viewers the attainable and make its present valuation hugely chance to watch Manchester United. BSkyB has quickly attractive. become a profitable venture,

Edwards conceded last night that there would be more bids after the failure of VCI to secure a takeover — and he indicated that he would be ready to do business if the price was right.
"Any successful company is

an attractive takeover prospect. People are going to look at it, so it could well be the subject of more takeover proposals," he said. "What I can say is that it's not something that we've sought and it's not something that we are particu-

fl billion in a little over three years' time, when the teleover plans for its own television station and it seems a natural progression towards a joint-venture into pay-perview, with the television company taking a controlling stake in the club. Other businesses, however, will make the takeover battle a heated one. Whitbread has expressed an interest and United News and Media, with its newspaper and television interests, is also reported to be looking for a

football club. Pay-per-view is the way forward for football and big media players in Europe are anxious to get into pay-per-view. If United is ultimately acquired by an English television company, then it could pave the way for a European Super League. **McGrath** called in to act as Derby mentor

BY RICHARD HOBSON

PAUL McGRATH has not always have been regarded as an ideal role model, but yesterday he joined Derby County with the instruction of guiding the club's youngstee through the remainder their first season in the FA

Carling Premiership. The 36-year-old defender. capped 82 times by the Republic of Ireland, completed his move from Aston Villa, for a fee that will rise to £200,000 with appearances having agreed personal terms with Jim Smith, the Derby manager, yesterday morning.

He will go straight into the side for the game against Newcastle United at the Baseball Ground tomorrow, "I could have had an easier start than Shearer and Ferdinand but it will be a relief to be playing first team football again," McGrath said. His one appearance for Villa this season was as a substitute in

Wembley lessons Scotland in dark Whither Weah?

the Uefa Cup tie agains

Helsingborgs in Sweden.
"I did not think I would ge another contract with Villa a the end of last season, but when I was offered a one-year deal by Brian Little |the manager] I thought I was in his plans. That is why I was surprised and annoyed not to

play."
McGrath, who has signed until the end of the season, admits that his chance of an international recall is slim. Smith, though, believes he has signed a bargain. "I just felt that somebody of his ability and experience was too good to miss. There is a lot of quality here but eight of the first team squad are 24 or under and I expect Paul to be a big influence on them." Sheffield Wednesday hope

to unveil Benito Carbone as their new signing today. The Internazionale midfield player flew from Milan to discuss personal terms with the the last night. Wednesday have agreed a fee of £2.75 million. "We are a long way down

the road and he would be a terrific signing for us," David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said.



the next three years, should it

embrace pay-per-view. With United valued at £285 million, the potential for



A pensive Montgomerie contemplates defeat in his match against Sandelin at St Andrews yesterday

THE sun shone, the skies were bright and the winds fair, but not so Scotland's fortunes yesterday. The defending champions were left with barely a fingerhold on the Dunhill Cup after a disap-pointing first day when they

were beaten 2-i by Sweden. On a day of low scoring, with matches going very much to form. Scotland were the only seeded country to lose. Qualification for the semifinals is not beyond them, but to do so they must beat both India, their opponents today, and then Zimbabwe, both by a 3-0 margin, and then hope that the Swedes slip up.

Jarmo Sandelin holed an utrageous 110ft putt at loth to set up victory over Colin Montgomeric in the vital third match. Despite a collective total of 11 under par. the Scots were left pondering what might have been; so too. for altogether different reasons, was Mark O'Meara.

The 39-year-old American threatened to make history at

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St Andrews when, after nine holes and some unbelievable putting, he stood eight under par. Eight successive birdies from the 2nd to the 9th for a record outward 28 on the Old Course, and the elements in his favour left one wondering not if, but how easily, he would beat Curtis Strange's course record of 62.

It seemed a certainty when O'Meara, who was playing Costantino Rocca, of Italy.



O'Meara: birdie blitz

TWO

added birdies at the 11th and 12th. Four successive pars followed before the Road Hole derailed him. There, despite a perfect drive, he had a doublebogey six after his five-iron from 177 yards finished up on the gravel road; he elected to use his putter but barely made the surface, his par attempt slid five feet past and he missed the return.

"I knew at that time I had thrown away my chances of beating Curtis's record and believe me I was thinking about it the whole backside, O'Meara, the American captain, who won the pro-am on Wednesday, said. Ironically, he birdied the 18th for a 63.

With the score at I-I in

Scotland's match, after victory

for Andrew Coltart by three strokes over Peter Hedblom but a one-stroke defeat for Raymond Russell by Patrick Sjorland, the outcome hinged on Montgomerie's duel with Sandelin. Montgomerie, the world No 2, began with three successive birdies which Sandelin admitted later had unnerved him, but some poor tee-shots and indifferent putting meant that he was never able to pull clear. By the loth, when the match was turned on its head by two strokes of massive good for-

tune, they were level. Sandelin pushed his second so far right that he was relieved to see his ball stay in play albeit 30 metres from the flag off the green. Montgomerie, safely on in regulation, sensed a possible twoshot swing. However, he could only look on aghast as Sandelin's putt travelled inexorably on and on, swinging left to right at the crucial moment and dropped in.

bly deflated. Sandelin bent

The putt sank Scotland's hopes. Montgomerie was visi-

down in the manner of a and finished his second round fencer, his putter in front of using his three-iron. him like an epee, and pumped his right arm back and forth;

Montgomerie rescued par with an exquisite chip at the 17th but he failed to take advantage of Sandelin's weak first putt on the 18th and three-

DUNHILL CUP DETAILS

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GROUP FOUR: New Zealand 2 Germany 1 (New Zealand names first G Wate 69 bit H-P Thut 69, at 22nd; G Turner 74 lost to T Gogele 71: F Nobilo 66 bit S Strüver 71) Australia 2 Japan 1 (Australia names first W Riley 71 lost to N Ozali 67; S Ekington 68 bit K Takami 74, G Norman 72 bit H Meshlai 74)

putted himself, "That's the way it goes," Montgomerie said. "We can't be too despondent. We have got to look forward to the next two days and the weather could change which will be in our favour if the wind picks up."

Emie Els returned the second-best round of the day, a seven-under-par 65 as South Africa beat Canada 2-1 in group three, while Australia overcame Japan by a similar margin. England recorded the biggest margin of victory, convincingly beating Spain 3-0 in group one and meet the United States today in a match that will decide the semi-

Allenby's agony Torrance's lie-in

finalists.

International matches out of the running

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

competing in international matches, Great Britain will have no such fixture next year. Although a nominal match appears on the 1997 British Athletic Federation (BAF) fixtures list, published yesterday. it will be a contrived one against an International Select team. Gone are matches like the indoors ones against France and Russia, which

were staged this year. The cuts, which reduce from four to two the number of main indoor fixtures in Britain, are the result of the BAF's parlous financial position and a blow to the development of emerging international athletes. All that remains are the national championships and Ricoh Tour.

Again, like this year, there is no bona fide outdoor international match. This summer. British officials picked the International Select team. One outdoor meeting has been

AFTER 42 consecutive years of dropped, too: the one held this year at Crystal Palace after the Olympic Games.

On a more cheerful note. however, the announcement of a new television contract is likely within a fortnight. "We could not get television coverage for those two fixtures," Tony Ward, the BAF spokesman, said of the matches against Russia and France. With the current financial state of the federation, it would not be wise to stage international meetings on crowd support alone."

Two other significant announcements were made vesterday. The 1998 Commonwealth Games programme in Kuala Lumpur has been put back two days to avoid a clash with the World Cup in Johannesburg, and Primo Nebiolo, the International Amateur Athletic Federation president, said that changes would be made to the summer grand

Boardman's golden shot washed away

By PETER BRYAN

CHRIS BOARDMAN made no excuses yesterday when he ended up with the silver medal rather than the gold that he had set his heart on at the world time-trial championship in Switzerland.

He was beaten by Alex Zülle, winner of the Tour of Spain last month, by 40 sec-onds and was thus foiled in his attempt to set a unique record of winning a world cycling title on track and road in the same year. Yet Boardman's heart must

have sunk hours before he started what he had earlier acknowledged would be a physically hard 40.4km test against the clock, when heavy rain made sections of the

course akin to a skid-pan. For the Briton there was the additional burden of the memory of the opening time-trial in the Tour de France last year, when, within minutes of the start, Boardman was spread-

eagled across a rain-spaked

road, his ankle shattered after crashing as he negotiated a bend at 50mph.

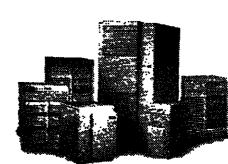
"I descended terribly today and like it or not the Tour crash has scarred me and taken away some of my confidence," he said. However, he added: "The rain did not affect today's result."

Zulle, who started ahead of Boardman and his fellow Swiss, Tony Rominger, set the race pattern at the 13.5km time check. He went through in 18min 44sec: Boardman was second, on 18.59. Boardman reduced the deficit by one second at 26.8km but the 1.8km climb of the Crespera provided a display of power by Zülle, who went over the summit with 27 seconds in hand from Boardman.

Boardman's silver medal was a hard-won award. At the end, only 1.87 seconds separated him from Rominger.

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M&S set out to storm German high streets

MARKS & SPENCER yesterday overcame half a century of refuctance about investing in Germany and opened its first store in the centre of Cologne. Elbowing each other in the rush to buy M&S pork pies. Christmas puddings and cot-ton underpants, German Hausfrauen seemed to view the arrival of the shop as the beginning of a counter-revolu-

tion on the high street. This time we had bener service - maybe the British can help us," Hildegard Yurmbach said as she waded rough free food samples.

In the basement of the sixfloor building, there was an active debate about crumpets. What are they? What do you do with them?" a middle-aged woman asked. The uniformed German assistant swallowed, probably surpressing her normal response to bark back: "You cat them." Instead, in line with her training in the Baker Street branch of M&S. she explained the science of toasting and eating crumpets.

Upstairs in underwear, a guffawing Rhinelander expressed disappointment that there were no Princess Diana lookalike mannequins. Nearby an elderly woman was shaking her head in dismay. "I still cannot get used to buying hananas and knickers in the same shop,

The main hurdle for British retailers, however, is to persuade Germans that bratwurst is not the only kind of nvenience food and that British-made custard tart might taste as good as cheese-

cake from the local baker. The British are on the advance in the German retail world, with Sir Terence

Bin 65 Australian Chardonnay

Indian meal for two

Conran design shop in Hamburg. The port city is already regarded as a centre of anglophilia: the Anglo-German Club minues the clubs of St James and the shops are full of tweed and British trenchcoats.

However, M&S is competing largely on quality and on service. This will be the main British contribution to Germany's shopping revolution. If a shirt or a jacket is unavailable in your size in a normal Ger-In the Second World War man store, it is bad luck on the the Gestapo arrested 1,500 customer. "We are guarantee-Hamburgers for "anglophile ing our customers that we will tendencies", because they get them the right size mer-

6 It's time we had better service maybe the British can help us ?

went dancing with crepe-soled chandise within 24 hours," shoes, listened to Benny Good-Clive Nickolds, European diman or carried Chamberlain visional director, said. Gerumbrellas. Nowadays Savile man sales staff, meanwhile, Row tailors visit the two most have been trained to smile and exclusive hotels twice a year to offer assistance, not custommeasure up their many cliary in department stores here. ents. Cologne, however, is a "We took 150 sales assistants different matter. Like Hamto London and showed them burg it was bombed flat by the how it works," Brian British: unlike Hamburg. Hudspith, manager of corpothere is still some lingering rate affairs, said. The store

Marks & Spencer also had to overcome some of its own doubts about Germany, While M&S built up a chain of 26 stores in France, it has ignored Germany partly because of the reservations of Jewish shareholders and some members of the Sieff dynasty which created the modern group.

Yesterday, for the first time in M&S history, the price was in marks and the customers seemed happy. Even with prices about 10 to 15 per cent higher than in England, M&S is competitive in the German high street. The neighbouring and much bigger department store of Kaushof responded by slashing some prices. That too

young Englishman but he has two German sub-managers. into Germany now because the local shopping climate is about to undergo a sea change. From November 1, shops will be free to open in the evenings and on Saturday afternoons, Previously the priority was to protect shop assistants from unnecessary

Other British stores - such as Virgin Records which retreated from Berlin a few years ago after a brief, unhappy venture — are likely to follow suit. "We could not ignore such a huge market of 80 million people in the centre of Europe, Mr Nickolds said.

☐ French role: The sandwiches sold in the Cologne M&S store ae to be made in France and delivered fresh in

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Shoppers queue outside the store in Cologne yesterday where M&S goods sold in marks for the first time

was welcomed by German Conran having just opened a HOW PRICES COMPARE Men's lambswool pullover DM70 (£29.29) Men's sweatshirt DM55 (£23.01) DM9 (£3.76) £3.50 Argyle socks (pair) Women's knickers (pack of 3) DM25 (£10.46) DM70 (£29.29) Women's leather loafers

French cook up tax attack on Big Mac

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

fend traditional cuisine and raise extra revenue yesterday by proposing a "Big Mac" tax that would increase taxes hugely on the fast-food shops

spreading across France. The Finance Committee of the National Assembly adopted an amendment to next year's budget that would al-most quadruple the rate of VAT on fast food, from 5.5 per cent to 20.6 per cent.

This fast-food amendment is not just aimed at hamburgers," said Pierre Mehaignerie. the committee chairman. "It will also hit sandwich vendors and other takeaway outlets." The tax would bring in additional revenue of Frl billion (£124 million). M Mehaignerie said.

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Owners of histros and cales say that the time-honoured French way of eating is dying out as fast-food shops overrun the country. Most eating paces must charge the full VAT rate on food and drink; fast-food shops pay the lower rate charged on retail food.

The Government has not yet commented on the pro-posed "Big Mac" tax, which aims to make fast-food eaters pay up while encouraging

FRENCH MPs moved to de- others to sit down to a more traditional meal. Fewer French executives these days have time for the traditional three-course lunch. Yesterday the sandwich counter at Marks & Spencer on the Boulevard Haussmann in Paris was surrounded by a most inelegant scrum at lunchtime, as it is every day, where chic Parisians jostled suited businessmen for the last of the "cheddar et tomate, sauce à la mayonnaise au pain au blé et seigle concasses" (cheese and tomato sandwich).

M&S in Paris is more than a shop: it is a fashion statement, offering a version of "Le style outre-Manche" that is a good deal more affordable than the nearby "Old Eng-land" department store selling pukka riding crops and

An M&S bag can hold its own with any of the upmarket labels in Paris such as Galeries Lafayette. Further, the sandwiches, many of them made in Britain and shipped daily, are better than their French rivals. The M&S precooked meal has also found a niche with working couples unwilling to spend hours preparing an evening meal.

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Chechen success boosts Lebed's poll popularity

RUSSIA'S security chief. General Aleksandr Lebed, has surged ahead of his rivals in opinion polls, which showed vesterday that he would win the presidency if elections were held today.

Two separate polls, published in Moscow newspashowed that the charismatic former army general was by far the most trusted politician and that on his present form he could reverse June's election results. In the first round of voting tory, was left in fifth place, with only an 11 per cent trust

for the presidency, Boris Yeltsin received 35 per cent. Gennadi Zyuganov 32 per cent and General Lebed 15 per cent. In the runoff fought in July President Yeltsin was comfortably re-elected.

However, according to a Public Opinion Fund survey published in Kommersant. if the same contestants fought today the result would be reversed. About 25 per cent of respondents said that they would back General Lebed. with the Communist Party leader following closely behind on 23 per cent and the

ailing Russian leader trailing for less than four months his in third place with 20 per cent. Another opinion poll, by the VTsIOM research group published in Segodnya, asked politician was most trusted. Forty per cent named General Lebed. Mr Zyuganov trailed far behind in second place with 16 per cent, followed by Viktor Cherno-myrdin, the Prime Minister and presidential hopeful, with 14 per cent. President Yeltsin. who has rarely been seen in public since his election vic-

Although General Lebed has only been in government as national security adviser

successful peace efforts to halt the war in Chechnya have clearly been well received. In the first poll, it was the only area of government policy where the public felt any progress had been made in the first 100 days of President Yeltsin's new term.

In a twist of Russian politics. General Lebed may also have improved his standing, thanks to the daily onslaught of verbal attacks against him from ministers, opposition figures and large sections of the

The campaign, which many believed has been orchestrated by the Kremlin, has left the former paratroop commander

Pacific island of Sakhalin,

fled with their victims' arms

The incident appeared to highlight the crisis in morale

and discipline in Russia's

unwieldy and underfunded

and ammunition.

Russian soldiers killed

Moscow: Four soldiers were shot dead by their comrades yesterday in an incident that overshadowed a morale-boosting tour of Russia's Far East by Igor Rodionov, the Defence Minister. The attackers, on the northwest

fighting against the establishment. His position is similar to Mr Yeltsin's when he fought for and won the leadership in 1991, in the face of a propaganda campaign orchestrated by Mikhail Gorbachev, the then Soviet leader. "Lebed has made no secret

looking like the underdog

of the fact that he would like to be the next President, and gives every indication of mak-ing good his plan," said the Moscow Times. "The smear campaign does no credit to its perpetrators and will proba-bly do limited harm to the intended target. This kind of warfare is ill-advised, and counter-productive."

Most of the criticisms have come from General Anatoli Kulikov, the Interior Minister, Yuri Luzhkov, the Mayor of Moscow, and Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nationalist leader. They have accused of General Lebed of selling Russia out to the Chechen rebels. This week he was attacked for being too soft on Nato during his visit this week to the alliance's headquarters.



Emma Bonino outlining her plans to reduce catches of fish by up to 40 per cent

Britain is defiant on fish quotas By Leyla Linton AND MICHAEL HORNSEY BRITAIN will not cut the capacity of its fishing flow

BRITAIN will not cut the capacity of its fishing fleet unless the European Union acts to stop foreign "quota-hopping" trawlers taking Brit-ish fish, Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, said yesterday.

Mr Hogg was reacting to a call from Emma Bonino, the European Fisheries Commissioner, for a 40 per cent cut in fishing catches by all EU member states' fleets in the next six years.

Speaking in Brussels before a meeting of EU fisheries ministers in Luxembourg on Monday, Signora Bonino said unless catches were cut fishing will be reduced to a law of the jungle, and we will see the collapse of the fleets and the end of fish stocks with irre versible consequences".

Mr Hogg, commenting after meeting southwest fishing industry leaders in Plymouth, said that the proposed 40 per cent cut would be very unacceptable" to the Government. "We will not implement a compulsory reduction in our own capacity until the problem of quota-hoppers has been

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Gondoliers applaud a little light music

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

TO THE delight of tourists but the dismay of the Mayor. Venice City Council yesterday voted to allow gondoliers and the gondola "balladeers" who accompany them to serenade customers during the day as

well as at night.
This will clog up our canals and make them even more impassable than before," protested Massimo Cacciari, the left-wing Mayor. But the majority of councillors agreed with the Venice Gondoliers' Association that restricting serenading to the evenings deprived its members of potential income.

The changes to the Waterways Code passed by the council will also allow gondolas to punt three abreast. Signor Cacciari said he opposed that idea too, as "it would make it even more difficult for waterborne service vessels providing rubbish collection, goods deliveries and firefighting to manoeuvre along Venice's narrow canals.

In January, fire brigade

els had difficulty reaching

the blaze that destroyed La Fenice opera house, partly because canals had been drained for cleaning but also hecause of sheer congestion. ists visit Venice each year,

Around nine million touroverwhelming the 75,000 residents, whose numbers have dropped by more than half

Disneyland for tourists and art lovers." one resident said. Most tourists - and tour operators — concentrate on St Mark's Square, the Doge Palace and other central sights, ignoring less familiar jewels of the Venetian heritage. Invariably visitors (especially couples) want to hire a gondola and listen to O Sole

"We are becoming a watery

romantically. Fulvio Scarpa, the head of the gondoliers' association, said that despite the high prices they charged, its members found it difficult to make

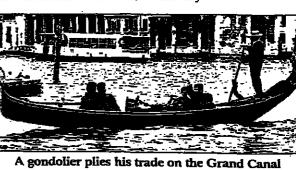
Mio or The Blonde in the

Gondoletta as the ancient

palazzos and bridges slip by

a living. In the spring, the council caused uproar when it decided to tax the balladeers and accordion players who assist the gondoliers, classing them as musical entertainers. The two sides reached a compromise under which waterborne entertainers pay a contribution to the entertainment union's pension fund

Signor Cacciari's office said the Mayor was very concerned by the growing in on Venice of pollution and flood damage as well as mass tourism. But the gondoliers maintain that the erosion of canal buildings is caused by the water buses (vaporettos). which carry 250,000 people



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Asterix

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Atlantis

By BEN MACINTYRE ASTERIX the Gaul came out of retirement yesterday in a new book with a record print run of eight million copies. He received the sort of tumultu-

ous welcome France reserves

The new Asterix volume is

the first since 1991 and the

thirrieth in a series that started in the magazine Pilote in 1959

and has since sold 280 million

Asterix and Obelix All At

Sea, in which the mustachioed

warrior rescues his bulbous

friend Obelix from the lost

continent of Atlantis, went on

sale yesterday in 15 languages

after a complex operation to distribute the book through-

out Europe without disclosing

its contents.

Albert Uderzo has penned

six Asterix books alone since

the death of his collaborator,

the writer René Goscinny, 19

years ago. He shocked Asterix

fans in 1994 when he an-

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for its national heroes.

copies in 78 languages.

Palestinians open new battleground at Temple Mount

A NEW archaeological timebomb is set to explode on Temple Mount, the site holy to Muslims and Jews, when Islamic authorities open a new prayer hall under al-Aqsa mosque which right-wing lews claim is illegal.

Muslim clerics said last night that they would delay the opening, but this was seen as merely postponing an inevitable conflict.

The cavernous hall, named the Marwani mosque by Pal-Parly 2.000 years old, not far from the Israeli tourist tunnel project which last month sourked Palestinian rioting. Seventy-five people died after the Government opened a second tunnel exit under cover of darkness.

Right-wing Jews called on the Government yesterday to prevent the mosque opening in an area known as Solomon's Stables (although it has no connection with Solomon and was built at the time of

Herod). The General Security Service. Israel's equivalent of M15, gave warning of a violent response from Jewish hardliners who revere Temple Mount as the site of the destroyed first and second

The Hebrew daily Yediot Aharonot reported that the General Security Service had expressed grave concern over the opening of a mosque at Solomon's Stables. The security service has said that elements on the extreme Right of the Jewish political spectrum, for instance Kach or the Temple Mount Faithful group, might try to carry out an attack on Temple Mount. down of the political process with the Palestinians.

The right-wing Government of Binyamin Netanyahu came under heavy pressure yester-day to seal the mosque site. Yigal Bibi, the Deputy Religious Affairs Minister, ac-cused Mr Netanyahu of

treating the Palestinians with kid gloves. However, the Government signalled that it does not intend to prevent the mosque being opened.

The diplomatic role that has been undertaken by President rioting was enhanced yesterday with an announcement that he will soon visit Jordan. The announcement followed the publication of an American report that King Husain of Jordan chastised Mr Netanyahu at last week's Washington crisis summit for having "an arrogance of power". Until the opening of the Temple Mount tunnel, the Jordanian monarch had been the only Arab leader to refrain from criticising Mr Netanyahu's hardline policies.

Mr Weizman, whose constitutional role is mainly ceremonial, has emerged as a key player in maintaining Arab-Israeli links. This week he hosted Yassir Arafat, the Pal-



حكدة سالاصل

Palestinians work on renovations to the hall on Temple Mount which they intend to open as a mosque

villa, and next week will fly to Cairo for a working lunch with President Mubarak. Temple Mount is the

epicentre of the tension because, as well as al-Aqsa, the third-holiest Islamic shrine, it is flanked by the Wailing Wall, the holiest place for Jews. The previous Labour

in January for the chamber that Palestinian renovations, the most extensive on the whose renovations are only mount for 30 years, have caused "irreversible damage". days from completion - to be used for prayers during Ram-They say 15ft columns built at adan and rainy periods when the time of the Crusades were worshippers cannot pray in the courtyard of al-Aqsa. But damaged by the drilling of holes for electrical cables. Israel did not authorise the A spokeswoman for the chamber's use as a mosque on

Jerusalem municipality said a a permanent basis. district court order issued on Israeli archaeologists claim

September 3 bars unapproved renovations that could damage the site. Jewish extremists who seek the right to pray on Temple Mount have asked the Supreme Court to enforce the order. But Hassan Tahboub, the Palestinian Minister of Religious Affairs, said that any attempt to prevent the

nounced, after a long and exhausting legal battle with a former publisher, that he would never write another volume featuring the tiny opening would provoke a Italians imbibing the

Gaul. But with the launch of the new book he said: "I do not feel old enough to stop work." British readers may be particularly taken with a new character, a high priest named Absolutelyfabulus.



The wily Gaul is back for a new adventure

France fetes African statesman

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

AFRICA'S most revered intellectual and statesman. Léopold Sédar Senghor, who was President of Senegal for 20 vears until 1980, celebrated his 90th birthday this week in the tiny Normandy village of Verson to which he chose to

Mr Senghor was a key architect of post-colonial Africa and a towering apostle of black culture: the first President of independent Senegal, a post to which he was elected in 1900 and four times thereafter; the first leader in modern Africa's history to stand down voluntarily; and the first black man to be elected to France's Academié exclusive

Verson's streets and shop windows were decorated in his honour on Wednesday with his speeches, poems and



Senghor: celebrated on two continents

minutive figure smiled but

said nothing. Born in the fishing village of Joal-Fadiout on the Senegalese coast, where more grandiose celebrations were held simul-taneously. Mr Senghor was educated in French Catholic schools and studied at the Sorbonne, where he became village celebrations, the di- friends with such luminaries links with France

as Jean-Paul Sartre, Albert Carnus and the future French President Georges Pompidou. In the Second World War, he served in the French Army and was captured and impris-

oned by the Germans. After the war he was elected to the French National Assembly. Mr Senghor's life in France, from the age of 19 to 40, il-lustrated the strange position of an African scholar from a colony, at once part of France and separate from it. With Aimė Čėsaire from Martinique and Leon Damas of French Guiana, he developed the theory of "Negritude", emphasising the beauty of African culture and its role in a world civilisation that would otherwise, as he put it, "lack the rhythm section of its orchestra, the bass voice of its

Mr Senghor returned to Africa and emerged as the Platonic philosopher-ruler of Senegal, maintaining close

system that came into force two years before he stepped down to make way for "a new generation of leaders".

His "African Socialism" steered a middle course between Communism and capitalism, just as his writings gave a uniquely African per-spective to a French sensibility and education.

At Senegal's celebrations, President Diouf described Mr Senghor as one of "a race of empire builders, a pathfinder, a guide who takes you by the hand to lead you up high on to the mountain." His books and poetry glo-

ried in African culture but it was in the birthplace of his wife, Paulette, near Caen, that he chose to retire. Unesco's Paris headquar-

ters will host another celebration on October 18, to be attended by President Chirac and President Diouf. Mr Senghor is too frail to make the

Madrid pact on pensions

Madrid: In his first real political triumph since taking office five months ago, Jose Maria Aznar, Spain's conser-vative Prime Minister, has brokered a "social contract" with the country's tough trade unions guaranteeing pen-sions at present levels until 2000 (Tunku Varadarajan

writes).

The deal, which had consistently eluded Felipe González, Señor Aznar's Socialist predecessor, is likely to ward off threats of a strike-ridden autumn of discontent. However, the main employers' associations opposed a pen-

moderation message

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

ITALIANS are drinking less wine despite their image as an alcohol-loving nation, according to official figures released yesterday.

The government-run Com-mission for the Study of Alcohol and the Young said there were 13 million Italians over 15 who did not drink alcohol, over a quarter of the adult population. Average wine consumption has dropped from 104 litres per capita twenty years ago to 55 litres.

Anecdotal evidence in the bars and trattorias of Rome

and other main Italian cities suggests many Italians are still wedded to their wine culture. Last weekend was marked by numerous harvest festivals in Italy's famous wine-producing areas, with fountains flowing with wine and every available balcony and statue covered in grapes. On the other hand growing

consciousness of health hazards, which has reduced cigarette smoking, is also making Italians more aware of the drawbacks of excessive alcohol consumption.





GLEN HOWLEY, RELITER

Taleban forced on to defensive by Afghan troops

fought off attacks by forces of the ousted Afghan Government on two crucial towns north of Kabul yesterday. The capital's main military airbase at Bagram came under ground assault: this was also repelled. But there is mounting concern for the security of

The counter-offensive has taken Taleban unawares and its two-year march through Afghanistan has been halted. There are, however, no signs yet of it being forced to retreat - no heavy guns have been used and its main positions are intact. Taleban, however. has lost many men from small-arms fire.

The United Nations, worried about security in Kabul, is cvacuating non-essential staff and the International Committee of the Red Cross is studying its next move. Foreign aid agencies are to meet today to decide what to do.

The mood in the Afghan capital has abruptly changed. The unaccustomed peace after 17 years of war has become almost sinister as Taleban soldiers patrol in Toyota pickups laden with rocket-launchers and Kalashnikovs. The bearded Islamic warriors are plainly upset by worsening news from the north and people are increasingly afraid

AFGHANISTAN'S state of

street alongside the Kabul

River, where men carrying

foot-high stacks of banknotes

wander among a mêlée of

carpet sellers, fruit vendors

This is the money market.

News and rumours of the ebb

and flow of battle variously

strengthens and weakens the

Afghani, the local currency,

which is backed by absolutely

nothing. The central bank is

bombed and empty, the gold

reserves long since plundered.

The money market had premises until a rocket de-

stroyed them years ago, and business is now conducted by

20 or 30 cash-laden men amid

the chaos of the street. No-

body ever attempts robbery, especially under the rule of

the Taleban Islamic militia,

which severs at least one hand

Lorry-loads of Afghanis

of a captured thief.

ia beggars.

"Money changed".

Dostum's



Christopher Thomas reports from Kabul on the mounting resistance to the Islamic warriors north of the capital

them. Ahmed Shah Masood, the defence chief of the former Government, is targeting the towns of Jabal os-Siraj and Charikar, which are on the Salang Highway

linking Kabul with the north. Shops were closed in Charikar yesterday and an anti-aircraft gun was positioned in the main street. A day earlier, there was no infire and the town was bustling - an indication of how fast Taleban's fortunes. as well as the public mood. have changed. General Masood's men are

fighting Taleban forces many miles south of the strategic Salang Tunnel, an area held exclusively by the Islamic army until a week ago.

The battlefront is shifting around the two towns and both sides are locked in close combat. Local people are afraid that big guns will be

Gulbahar, at the mouth of the Panjshir Valley, where former government forces have taken refuge, remains

Money men fix price of war

By Christopher Thomas

used to be delivered regularly

to the former Afghan rulers

by the Russian Government,

which printed them under

contract. Since Russia does

not like Taleban this no

longer happens, and govern-

On the front of the notes is

written "Afghanistan Bank".

although it no longer exists.

The money market used to be

dominated by Sikhs, but they

have fled in the face of

growing hostility. Now the

money-changers are mostly

Pathans. Each morning they

assess the prospects for peace

or war and set the rate

The Afghani soured to

10,000 for a dollar when it was

felt that Taleban would im-

pose nationwide peace, then

plunged to 20,000 when it was

feared there would be pro-

longed fighting in the north,

possibly overflowing into Ka-bul. Yesterday, with nobody

accordingly.

PAKISTAN

Masood's

under Taleban's control. The siege of the valley, however. has stopped now that Taleban has been forced on the defensive on both battlefronts - at the Panishir and the Salang Pass. There seems to be no prospect of the Islamic fighters achieving their dream of pushing north and smashing the remnants of the toppled Government

General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek leader in the north, is leaving most of the fighting against Taleban to General Masood, although there is plainly some kind of alliance between them. If General Dostum were to throw in the full weight of his huge military machine, Taleban could conceivably be driven back to Kabul 40 miles away.

The area around the Bagram airbase north of Kabul, held by Taleban, has been evacuated. Troops walk the streets with their Kalashnikovs, lecturing people about proper Islamic dress and behaviour. They are almost all illiterate: only Taleban's tenuous moral authority stops them turning to the Pashtun tradition of plunder. The mullahs who lead them are mostly illiterate — the product of madrassas (Islamic schools)

that teach the Koran by rote.
Taleban is angry with foreign journalists, who have
been accused of focusing on alleged abuses of women's rights while failing to emphasise that there were massive human rights abuses when Kabul was being rocketed by factions of the former Mujahidin fighters.

sure which way events were

going, it hovered nervously around 15,000.

people who receive remit-

tances from abroad as well as

expatriate employees of inter-

amount of cash carried by a

equal to years of earnings by a

Money-changers are fussy

men. They give a higher rate

for the latest design of Ameri-

can banknotes because they

are deemed harder to forge.

And Afghans dislike well-

thumbed money: anything

dated before 1990 is spurned.

General Abdul Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord,

keeps his people content by

printing his own Afghanis.

Kabul's money-changers have an instinct for Dostum

banknotes, which earn less on

the Kabul money market, but

reality both types are

single money-changer

nior civil servant.

The money market serves



A drunken Cambodian police officer takes aim at a photographer after his patrol boat stopped a Phnom Penh-bound ferry to extort money from the crew. Extortion by the police and military on the country's roads and waterways is endemic, and foreign tourists frequently find themselves caught in the middle

China says fossil'is oldest bird found'

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A FOSSIL more than 200 million years old may be the earliest ancestor of modern Chinese scientists

The fossil was found in Liaoning Province by a fossilhunter, Li Yumin. He took it to the Geology Museum in Peking, believing it to be a dragon. Ji Qiang, director of the museum, determined that the fossil was that of a bird, and the oldest ever found.

yesterday in the China Daily, and could not be confirmed by Western experts. Dr Angela Milner of the Natural History Museum in London said that in the absence of a proper scientific description she was unable to offer an opinion.

The Chinese have given the fossil the name Sinosauropteryx Prima. In appearance it is closer to a land-based dinosaur, but it has a number of characteristics that prove the evolutionary link with birds, Mr Ji said.

"The forelegs show a defi-nite tendency to developing towards wings," he said. The key factor, however, was the discovery of feathery imprints

Inkatha men cleared of massacre charges

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN DURBAN

CRIES of delight rang out in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday when a judge acquitted five co-accused in the murder trial of General Magnus Malan, the former South African Defence Minister, and 15 others on the first day of judgment

Cheers from the packed public gallery greeted Mr Justice Jan Hugo's ruling that the five black men, aged between 30 and 33, were not guilty of murder and conspiracy to murder. They had been accused of carrying out the 1987 massacre of 13 people, including five children, at the Congress supporter in a Zulu village near Durban. Outside the court, Inkatha supporters danced and chanted viva" as they mobbed the

acquitted men. As the five walked jubilantly from the court room, General Malan, 65, appeared unmoved by the scenes of celebration around him. He will know his fate today when the judge rules on charges of murder and conspiracy to murder against the 11 other accused at the conclusion of

the six-month trial. As Defence Minister between 1980 and 1981, General Malan was one of the most powerful men on the continent and his trial alongside nine

other military officers, security policemen and members of the Inkatha Freedom Party had political overtones.

Questions have been raised about a conspiracy by the ANC Government as the trial has implicated members of the National Party and Inkatha.

The so-called Kwamakhutha massacre seemed unresolved, like so many others from the apartheid era, until a task unit was appointed by the Government to investigate hit squads in Kwazulu/Natal.



Malan arrives at court in Durban yesterday

The five acquitted yesterday were inkatha members who. the State alleged, had carried out the hit-squad massacre after clandestine military training for Inkatha by the then South Africa Defence

Force in the Caprivi strip. The State claimed in the trial that this was part of a military support programme for Inkatha against the United Democratic Front, the internal surrogate of the then banned

Shortly before the start of the trial, the State brought additional charges of conspiracy to murder which observthe prosecution did not have enough firm evidence for mur-

Mr Justice Hugo said yesterday there was little doubt that the attack was carried out by trainees from Caprivi but ruled that prosecution witnesses had not firmly identified the men as being at the scene of the attack, and the State had not proved they had conspired to murder ANC

The judge said claims by the men that they thought they were being trained to work in the Kwazulu/Natal force police had been backed up by a state witness and there was nothing to disbelieve their

WORLD SUMMARY

Rao faces three

Delhi: Citing security threats. P.V. Narasimha Rao, India's former Prime Minister, asked a judge yesterday to exempt him from appearing in court on Monday after he was arrested, then freed on bail.

charges

Mr Rao, who resigned in disgrace as Congress Party leader last month. was arrested on Wednesday and faces three charges, including criminal forgery, which can carry a seven-year jail term. Security threats mean he

rarely appears in public and is always guarded by commandos with machineguns.

Suicide query for TWA families

New York: Investigators are to question the relatives of victims of the TWA disaster to see if the crash was caused by someone bent on revenge. fraud or even suicide (Quentin Letts writes).

It is now almost three months since Flight 800 crashed into the Atlantic off Long Island, killing all 230 people aboard the Boeing 747. Lintil now investigations have focused on the possibility of aircraft failure or terrorism.

Court likely for Peking dissident

Peking: The family of Wang Dan was told by officials to hire a lawyer for him — a move described by Wang Lingyun, his mother. Dames Pringle writes).

Wang, one of the leaders of the 1989 pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square. was rearrested in May last year, having spent four years

Fire destroys NBC offices

New York: Three hundred firefighters fought a blaze in the GE (General Electric) skyscraperr in Manhattan's Rockefeller Centre and home to NBC broadcasting (Quentin Letts writes). The pre-dawn fire spread through five of the building's 70 storeys and injured li people. Many NBC offices were wrecked.

Kapist is jailed for 17,088 years

Madrid: A court in Las Pal-mas has jailed a man ar 17,088 years for raping his two stepsons more than a thousand times over seven years (Tunku Varadarajan writes). Judicial experts believe, however, that the man is likely to serve no more than 20 years.

Tomato source

Cairo: A former convict who tried to give tomatoes stuffed with marijuana to an inmate on visiting day has been arrested and sent back to jail north of here after being caught by a guard. (AFP)

Clarke: facing coalition prospect

New Zealand's baffled voters head for election night without end

FROM JO ANDREWS IN WELLINGTON

WITH New Zealanders set to vote tomorrow in their first election under proportional representation, it has become clear that no party will win an overall majority and that a coalition will have to be formed. Sir Michael Hardie Boys, the Gover-

nor-General, has said that New Zealand may go into the new year without a new government. Sir Michael says parlia-ment must meet by December 13. "After that New Zealand virtually closes down

[for the summer holidays] so there is no calamity if parliament meets and then adjourns until the new year."

Financial analysts here are also bracing themselves for the possibility of several weeks without a government. "It is going to be messy, we know that from the polls," said one.

The polls suggest that support for the National Party led by Jim Bolger, the Prime Minister, is dropping sharply. The latest figures put support for the National Party at 30 per cent; Labour, led by Helen Clarke, at 26 per cent; the left-of-centre Alliance at 17 per cent; and

the nationalist party, New Zealand First, broadly left-wing one led by Labour. But

at 13 per cent. Political analysts are in their element. Colin James, one of the most respected commentators, says of the change to proportional representation: "This is the most difficult transition you could possibly have had. Every other change would have been simpler.".

Another observer called the new system "the product of theoretical minds, not political ones".

The indications are that New Zealand will end up with a broadly right-wing coalition led by the National Party, or a

either party could find itself with an interesting bedfellow.

The National Party might have to do a deal with the Christian Coalition, which is opposed to abortion as a "nonnegotiable principle" and talks of "maintaining an upright justice system by defending Judaeo-Christian values". On the Left, Labour will have to come

to terms with Winston Peters of New Zealand First, Mr Peters wants to cut immigration, repatriate migrants who break the law and stop foreigners buying land and other "strategic assets".

Voters appear confused at times with the choice on offer. Under the new system they have two votes, one for their local MP and a second for a party. The second of these are to be counted and

apportioned on a national basis. In Wellington Central there are candidates and 14 parties. At times it is difficult to distinguish between genuine candidates and satirical ones. The Blokes Liberation Front, in favour of sending women out to work while men watch rugby and drink beer, is real, so is the Megillicuddy Serious Party, and the Marijuana Party.



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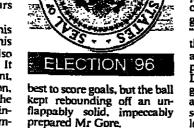
Dole plays Powell re card in desperate appeal to voters

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

AFTER Jack Kemp's defeat by Al Gore in Wednesday night's vice-presidential debate. Bob Dole played virtually his last card yesterday. The struggling Republican candidate confirmed that Colin Powell, America's favourite public figure, would be "one of our stars in the new administration". Mr Dole hoped that his

announcement would lend his ticket lustre, but it also smacked of desperation. It was a tacit acknowledgment. 26 days before the election, that he and Mr Kemp lack the appeal to beat President Clinton and Mr Gore by themselves. Mr Dole, who campaigned with General Powell in Ohio yesterday, did not say what post the Gulf War commander would have in a Dole administration, but he would almost certainly be Secretary

One wag billed the 90minute debate between Mr Kemp. a former Buffalo Bills quarterback, and the famously wooden Vice-President as a contest between a football player and a goalpost, and that was exactly how it turned out. Mr Kemp, animated and prone to hyperbole, did his



Three instant indicated that the Vice-President had won by margins ranging from 17 percentage points to 29, and 92 per cent said the debate had not changed their voting intension. The debate was widely considered a preview of the presidential race in 2000, and Mr Gore's performance further enhanced his chances of winning the next Democratic

presidential nomination. However, it was less clear that Mr Kemp had improved his chances of winning the Republican nomination. He

Republicans hit sour note

By Tom Rhodes

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, the rock star, has accused Bob Dole of of purioining his hit. rn in the USA without

A month after copyright laws forced Mr Dole to drop the long-established theme tune of the Republican campaign. Mr Springsteen said. in a letter to the Asbury Park Press, the local newspaper in "I'd like to make it clear that it was used without my permis-

sion and I am not a supporter of the Republican ticket."

Last month, the campaign agreed to drop the Isaac Hayes classic, Soul Man. (rewritten as "I'm a Dole Man") after Rondor Music International warned the Dole camp that it could be liable for up to \$100,000 (E64,000) for each unauthorised use of the song.

Subsequently, Mr Dole appeared in front of numerous black students at Washington University in St Louis accompanied by Play That Funky Music, White Boy.

ignored strong conservative pressure to attack Mr Clinton's character and insisted it was "beneath Bob Dole to go after anyone personally". Indeed, the debate, held in St Petersburg, Florida, was so polite and high-minded that one television anchorman suggested that viewers needed a "speed-yawning course" to get through it. Mr Kemp, an architect of "Reaganomics", passionately promoted Mr Dole's plan to push for rapid growth through huge tax cuts as the solution to America's social and economic prob-lems. It would be more like the "Niagara Falls" than "trickledown economics", he argued. Mr Gore repeatedly countered that Mr Dole's "risky plan would wreck the economy and devastate vital social programmes, including Medicare, the health insurance programme for the elderly. He landed the night's best punch

by saying: "The problem with this version of 'Niagara Falls'

is that Senator Dole and Mr

Kemp would put the Ameri-

can economy in a barrel and

send it over the falls."

Mr Gore said the economy was already strong and praised Mr Clinton's much smaller tax concessions for education and homebuyers. He kept Mr Kemp on the defensive by citing past disagreements with Mr Dole and made him wince by recalling his quip that Mr Dole had never "met a tax he didn't hike". When Mr Kemp invoked President Kennedy's tax cut, Mr Gore recalled that Mr Dole voted against it. He congratulated Mr Kemp for having been a lonely Repuplican voice" in supporting affirmative action to counter racial discrimination and regretted that he had changed his tune when named

Mr Dole's running-mate.



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Strom Thurmond, 93, a tearful warhorse making carefully selected appearances in his last election campaign

Senator bids for 100th-birthday seat

FROM TOM RHODES IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

handlers wished. If age is

considered an issue in the

tor's junior - and trails him

deliver a brief and, unusually,

STROM THURMOND -- 94 on December 5 -- has returned to the Old South for a final campaign that he hopes will make him the first centenarian senator in American history. He arrived in Charleston's semi-tropical suburbs for the first in a rare series of public appearances, clasping hands with a carefully selected and fiercely loyal collection of the Republican faithful.

One man had mown his lawn as a child, he knew another's grandfather, and remembered the teacher who had taught the elderly woman in the corner. No one sitting under the lazy fans and faded Southern chandeliers could say they had no connection with the legendary warhorse. now fighting for an eighth six-

And that was exactly as his

by 14 points. At the Woodlands Resort, the "Thurmondator" - an affectionate allusion to the indestructible Terminator made famous by Arnold Schwarzenegger — listened intently to the loyal plaudits. He steadfastly refuses to wear a hearing aid. Finally he year term in the Senate. shuffled to the podium to unscripted, address whose emotional conclusion was clearly heartfelt.

American presidential campaign, it is the single factor in "He [Close] has got so much this race for South Carolina money and he is running so many ads. I want to continue where Thurmond aides have to work," he said in tears. "I designed a strategy of carefulhave given my whole life to ly chosen appearances, limited exposure to the media and a blanket refusal to debate Elthis state. Now I am at the zenith of my power, I hope you liott Close, his Democratic will send me back." opponent who, at 42, is more The statistics of his service than half a century the sena-

are formidable. He first won elective office the same year that Herbert Hoover was elected. Hoover won the presidency in 1928; Mr Thurmond became a county superintendent. He has served with about a fifth of the 1,826 people who have been members of the Senate since 1789, his age is 45 per cent of that of the Constitution, he was born 37 years after the end of the Civil War

and elected Governor of South

Carolina when President Clinton was in nappies. During the Second World War he flew to the Normandy landings in a

glider from Newbury. He is already the oldest senator in history and would become the longest-serving member during a new term, due to start in February.

Mr Thurmond confronts age as he always has, maintaining a daily 50 minutes of calisthenics, exercise biking, swimming, weights, healthy

food and no alcohol. In an idiosyncratic career he has been Democrat and Republican, a segregationist presidential candidate and conservative campaigner for civil rights, and the first Southern senator to employ black staff. In essence, he is a living monument to the changing fortunes of his state

Hungry python kills owner

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A NEW YORK teenager was crushed to death by his pet python after he had failed to keep the snake properly fed, police reported.

Grant Williams, 19, was found unconscious in a pool of blood, the life practically squeezed out of him by a 12ft Burmese python named Da-mien, which was still wrapped over his body. The snake had been given nothing more than a single dead chicken in the past week and may have been

crazed by hunger.

Mr Williams was found in the hallway. He may have been trying to escape the flat to summon help. Medical order-lies summoned the strength of body and of mind - to lift the 45lb, 5in-thick python off Mr Williams and hurl it into an adjacent room, but the snake lover died in hospital.

At the time of the attack, Mr Williams was preparing to feed Damien a live chicken. It is possible that the python. peckish, opted for the larger prey. When on the brink of a kill, the Burmese python (Molorus bivartatus) can move with deadly speed, and there are few creatures able to

escape its grasp.

Mr Williams may have suspected that his familiarity with Damien placed him above danger, but a hungry python does not quibble about such niceties. Captain Thomas Kelly, from the 46th precinct, said: "It looks accidental."

Mr Williams and his brother kept a number of snakes, many uncaged, in their Bronx flat. The dead man's mother, Carmelita Williams, said that she had tried to persuade her son to abandon his hobby. "I begged him to get rid of the python, she said, weeping. I even threatened to call the police."

Damien was last night caged at an animal control centre, after being fed. Its fate is uncertain.

Alaskans given winter solace

By GILES WHITTELL

AS THE long nights of winter al economy. This year's every barrel. Now standing at fail over Alaska, so do the cheques from the Permanent Fund. Every man, woman and child tough enough to live all year in America's far north was yesterday sent a \$1,130 (£725) thank-you note by the local government.

Bars, banks, airlines and snavmobile dealers braced themselves for their busiest weekend of the year as frontier folk from the Aleutians to the polar ice cap prepared to go shopping with the annual windfall. What began in 1982 as an experimental use of

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surplus oil money has become nent Fund grew rapidly a mainstay of Alaska's unusu- thanks to the state's royalty on payout, the largest yet, represents 5 per cent of the average

It is an especially useful boost for Eskimos whose Arctic villagers begin a sort of hibernation at this time of year. As the Mayor of Kaktovik, 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle and 300 miles from the nearest paved road. noted vesterday: "Six months of darkness is not the ideal business environment.

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\$20 billion, half the interest goes on annual dividends while investment means the principal continues to grow even as oil runs out in the Prudhoe Bay field. This offers an incentive to live in Alaska despite worsening job pros-

"The only income I get is from the fund," said Chris Behnke, 13, savouring the last of the autumn sunlight in the town of Palmer at the foot of Mount McKinley. Last year he used the money to buy a set of bagpipes.

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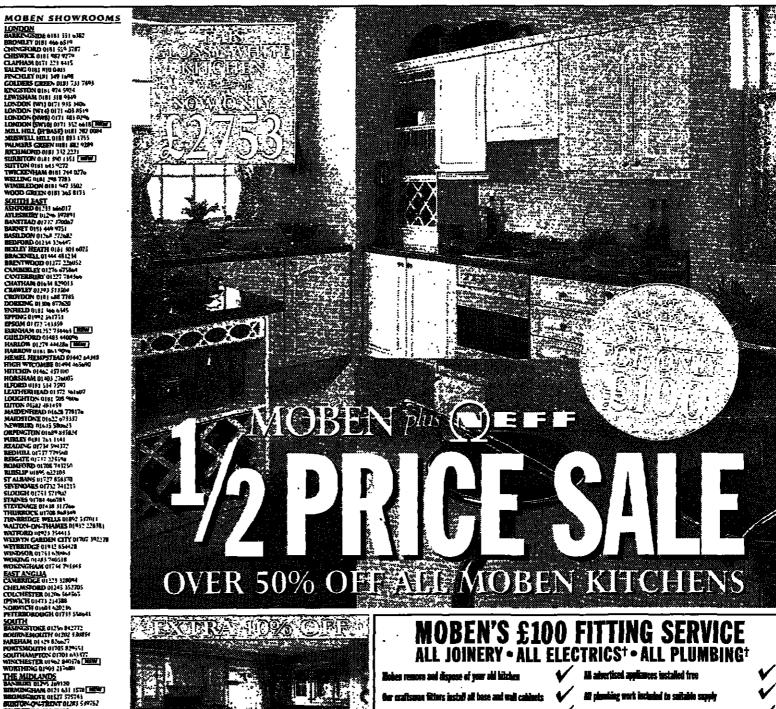
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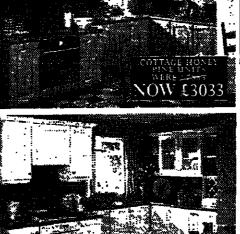
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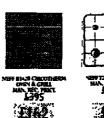
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Sailing to wider horizons: Wendy Richardson, Patrick Phelan, John Bankart, Sacha Crooks, Ellen Arnison and Sophie Thomas. All they have that many of us do not, is the guts to leave a dull life behind on the dockside

ast month, in The Times, we revealed that Holiday Hangover Syndrome was sweeping the nation: people have been returning from abroad, it transpired, even less willing to work than before they left. Psychiatrists, managers, and time-and-motion men united to shatter the ancient myth that a fortnight's break refreshes the jaded worker.

The response was enormous. From all over the country readers wrote in to agree with the diagnosis. "You keep saying you will pack it all in," wrote one, "but time goes on, you slot back into office life, and it never happens. No matter what you say, you never actually do it." Well. funnily enough, some

people do. There is a boat, moored at Southampton, called Creichtons Naturally. The skipper, John Bankart, worked in menswear retail for nearly ten years before seeing the light and running away to sea. The boat is crewed by a farmer, a nurse manager, a journalist, an electrician and a computer systems project manager. They all - apart from one - left work for a short holiday, and never went back. The odd one out, by the way, is rather miserable about working

The boat is owned, furthermore, by a dentist called Stuart Bowen-Davies, who sold his network of practices to sail the world - the ultimate statement in down-sizing.

Life aboard is mellow. After a summer in Southampton, taking day-tripping businessman out on the solent to "unwind", they are off to the Canary Islands in the next few days, and then on to the Caribbean for Antigua Race Week.

There is little to pressure them. virtually nothing to irritate. Except for one thing. "It is the suits who come on for a day and tell us how lucky we are." says 25-year-old Sacha Crooks, speaking for all of them. "It is not luck at all. The more I see of these people the more I realise how miserable their lives are. And there is absolutely nothing to stop them doing the same as us.

Sitting around the table in the small cabin below deck, each of them told me how they had come to their big decision. For one it was a moral issue, for another it was boredom. For one it was insatiable wanderlust, for another it was a

way out of an ailing business. Dissatisfied with the quotidian humdrum, all they had that the rest of us do not, was the guts to leave it all behind.

Their stories could have been could still be - yours.

SOPHIE THOMAS, 40

Former nurse manager I had been a nurse for 17 years, and a nurse manager for the past five of those. I was working 60-70 hours a week, and earning £28,000. I enjoyed my work but was finding my employers in the NHS more and more out of kilter with my own Everybody has dreamt at some time of running away to sea from a humdrum life. Giles Coren meets six people who had the courage to follow that dream

moral values. I was just talking about money all the time. I wouldn't have left on purely moral grounds. But a holiday in Australia in 1993 changed my life largely. I think, because it takes so long to get there that I had to take four weeks off work to do it.

I came straight back from Australia into a weekend of tedious management games and I thought to myself, "what am I doing here?" It was like one of those dreams when you find yourself naked in Tesco and have no idea how you came to be there.

I had always planned to give up work at 40, and it had become something of a running joke. But while sailing in Antigua in 1994 i met Stuart Bowen-Davies and said: "You'll need a cook, and someone with medical experience." I got back to England in a cold May and thought "I can't hack another dreary English summer" so I handed in my notice, and when I got home there was a fax on my desk from Stuart asking if I still

wanted the job." I earn much less than I used to and I sometimes go six weeks without a day off. It is the only job in the world from which someone

could say: "I might have to go back to nursing to get some money together." I also have two broken relationships -- the last man said that if I was going to spend another year away then he wasn't waiting - but I'd rather do this than be a housewife in Chiswick.

SACHA CROOKS, 25

Former farmer grew up in the countryside around Ipswich, did a degree in agricultural management and then worked on a succession of farms and building sites. Last year and I found myself working on the same farm I had worked on every year since I was 12.

The future seemed to hold 90-hour weeks for £13,000a-year as a farm foreman, and I decided that if I was going to work long hours for terrible money it might as well be doing something I enjoyed, so I decided to move to the Canaries. While looking for a passage across,

I was offered a job on this boat.
I now earn only £60 a week. But I have board and lodging, and at sea the cash doesn't matter. I have chosen lifestyle over money - some days you might be working 23 hours on the boat, but when the weather is good you can sit out on deck and boost your tan. Relationships are difficult to

sustain with this way of living. But my girlfriend is coming out to the Caribbean for a while, and will stay on the boat. As for the future, I can say with my hand on my heart that I will never be a farmer.

ELLEN ARNISON, 29

Former journalist A spell of yacht racing last summer led me to my decision to chuck in my job as News Editor of the Big Issue in Scotland. There had to be more to life than what is going on in the newsroom.

I was doing some subbing on the Daily Star in Scotland after that and knew that I would never want a career in newspapers - it is a very over-rated profession. I got a delivery job to the Caribbean where I met Creichtons Naturally and travelled back as cook.

I now earn less in a week than I used to earn in a shift, but my quality of life is so much better. I do a lot of reading - we all do - and plan to write fiction on board, too.

I have come to realise that you can live your own life any way you want: Nothing should prevent you from doing your own thing.

PATRICK PHELAN, 33 Former electrician

I had a small yacht-fitting business which was making very little money, and I was sick of doing the same thing every day, struggling to make ends meet.

At first it was meant to be a year's break, but I can't see myself settling down again in the near future. I enjoy the long passages most of all. You just settle into a rhythm - you feel very independent. I am half curious about what is happening to my country (South Africa), I have been away more than two years.

WENDY RICHARDSON, 33 Computer systems project

manager I left school at 18 and went straight to work in Lloyds bank as a computer programmer. I just didn't see that you could do without a car, a house, a mobile phone, a personal computer.

The change came when I sailed to Rio in 1994 as a paying guest on a 23-day passage, and came back with a totally different frame of mind. I decided it was no good talking about giving it up, you have to go for it. And I went straight back.

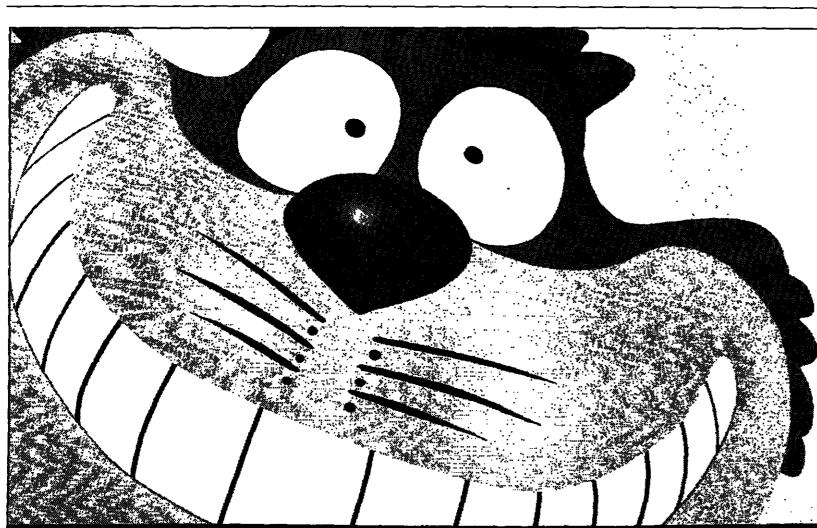
While I was out there I decided to end my relationship of 12 years going away on your own forces you to make some tough decisions - so I came back, on this boat, to end it. I am buying up his part of our mortgage so I am having to put the sailing on hold while I earn some money. It may be forever, perhaps not. Who knows?

JOHN BANKART, 37 Former shop manager, and captain of the yacht

I went into menswear retail at 18 in a shop in New Zealand, where I lived, and worked my way up to senior sales manager.

I was earning about A\$50,000 but eventually realised that I was spending 60 hours a week working to have five hours sailing on a Sunday. When I decided to just it all in my friends said: "What," and give up your career, your car, your life insurance schemes? What will you rely on?" My response was: "Il need all that, then what am I really living for?"

Heading off for the South Pacific in a mate's catamaran. I got caught in a storm for six days and the boat broke up. In the six weeks it took to repair the boat in Antigua I did my yachtmaster's certificate. I will never work in retail again. In fact, I can't even go into a shopping mail anymore. I say "stuff it all", life is out in the wide blue yonder. nothing but me and my boat. I have no worries, no car, just a house in Brisbane and a motorbike - no ties at all. If I suddenly decide I want a wife and a dog and a little house on the prairie, then I will do that.



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Professor James Mirrlees is finally tracked down — and explains his passion for mysteries and micro-economics

The strange case of the elusive laureate

Nobel laureate of economics was fond of reading detective stories and other forms of mathematics" and for a while I thought I was taking part in The Mystery of the Missing Professor. Bidden to Cambridge to meet Professor James Mirrlees, I arrived slightly late owing to a dearth of taxis at Cambridge station - at his hall of residence, an outpost of Trinity College.

The porter telephoned his room. No answer. But he is expecting me, I said. We are to have supper at the Three Horseshoes in Madingley. Here the detective story took on overtones of Tom Sharpe. The porter said he would ask the manciple of Trinity whether the professor had dined in hall; the manciple reported that he had not. We persisted n our inquiries.

The local radio station reported that the professor had been there, but had left at 6.45pm. Perhaps he had gone straight to the Three Horseshoes? Yes, they said, the professor had booked a table for 7.30pm — but had later telephoned to say that his guest had missed her train, and that he might not make it at all! The plot thickened.

Throughout the evening, we continued to telephone the Three Horseshoes, and the professor's room. I read all the notices on the board in the porter's lodge; the menu for dinner in hall (poached salmon and duchesse potatoes), the lists of those awarded fellowships (including one for "research into the history of ideas"), and the instructions from the Housekeeper to the gyps (college cleaners and bedmakers), which included the warning: "Some ladies are getting a bus which gets you in ellege about 7.30am. Please frain from doing this. Students do not wish to be woken at 7.00 or 7.30 by bedmakers chatting . . . Well! I pondered on the pampered life of the undergraduate compared with the dismal obligations of

the working hack. The porter suggested I take the college bus to Trinity Great Court, where the head porter would ring round all the 34 colleges and ask whether Professor Mirrlees had been seen. The bowler-hatted porters of Trinity found this notion predictably hilarious. It would be like finding a needle in a haystack," said one

with a fine turn of phrase. Eventually, mystified, I made for the last train home, after a final plea to the porter to put my card under the professor's door before going off duty. The last train arrived. I boarded. The whistle blew. We were about to draw out of the station. Then my mobile telephone rang: I leapt from 🗫 train. "Professor! Where are you?" "I am here, in my room," replied Professor Mirrlees, in his imperturbable Scottish burr, "where I have

spent the entire evening."

And so the Nobel prizewinner, who has whitish hair, a round, benign, boyish face younger brother left school at

and a manner that personifies gentlemanly charm, rescued me in his car. How had he not received the porter's calls? Why had he not come downstairs to find me waiting there? "I cannot work out any theory for why it happened," he replied ruminatively. "I took some fish out of the fridge at

So we talked through the midnight hour in the University Arms Hotel (our order, a malt whisky for him and a glass of champagne for me, completely stumped the bar staff. A long search produced a lukewarm dram of Pommery; and would the gentleman like ice in his malt?). We spoke of taxation, the "diversion" of the minimum wage, the alternative of employment subsidies, the dramatic increase in income from private pensions as a micro-economist the professor sees things in terms of individual households — and of course, his prizewinning economic theory of "incentives under asymmetric informa-

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braith, he has written no best-

selling books. "I am not a book

writer; I find it too hard."

Could he explain to me simply

his theory about tax? "I could

put it in a diagram," he said.

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that progressive rates of tax-

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and efficiency; a zero tax rate

on the highest incomes would

be an incentive to work hard-

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speed of communication now is quite weird. It took me ten

minutes to walk across the faculty and by that time my

son-in-law had already seen it

on his screen at Kleinwort

Benson, where he is an ana-

Professor Mirrlees was born in Minnigaff, Kirkudbright,

elder son of a bank manager.

His grandfather started work

at seven; his father at 13. His

he professor had been

preparing a lecture

on Tuesday, when the

telephone rang and a

Unlike a Hayek or a Gal-

art, shall we say.

Nuffield College, Oxford.

But two years ago his wife died of breast cancer, which was partly why he was keen to leave the Oxford house where they had brought up their daughters, and why he now lives in his bachelor rooms. With characteristic modesty he said he thought it "ridiculous* that Cambridge had offered him a chair at his age (he has just passed 60) instead of to some lively young mind.

former students at Oxford assumes that role. "I have never voted for any other party. Because of a desire for

more to get it to them.

16, but emigrated to Canada and rose to become a vicepresident of the Royal Bank of Canada. Young Jim knew from boyhood that he was cut out for the academic life: When the Rector of his high school in Newton Stewart asked him at 15 what he wanted to be, he replied: "A professor of mathematics."

In undergraduate days at Cambridge (after a first degree in mathematics in Edinburgh) he met his wife, and was a pillar of the Student Christian Movement, the radical, politically-conscious wing of undergraduate Christianity. Wanting to do good in the world, he went out to India, working at Massachusetts Institute of Technology's centre in Delhi, co-authoring the Manual of Industrial Project Analysis in Developing Countries. His professor at MIT, Paul Samuelson, an earlier Nobel prizewinner, was one of the first to fax a letter of congratulation this week.

Though Cambridge is keen to claim its laureate, much of the professor's most important work was done in his years at

His approach is beaming, even jocular: You enjoy pay-ing tax, don't you, thinking of all the good it will do ..? Would you vote for a system that squeezed the poor but left you very well off? It wouldn't please me when I was a Christian and it wouldn't please me now." (Professor Mirrlees ceased to be a Christian in about 1970, but seemed reluctant to elaborate on his

He is, you may surmise, a Labour Party man, but not a new Labour guru; one of his egalitarianism, not for any great fondness for public ownership." He has no qualms about the shedding of labour that follows de-nationalisation: "People will get employed doing other things. That is the faith of economists which noneconomists find hard to believe: there will be other jobs somewhere else."

That afternoon Peter Lilley had been talking again about the cost of benefit frauds. "That sounds like the Tory party at bay," said Professor Mirrlees, beaming. "Fraud is probably inescapable: another of those imperfections I like. If you pay money to the poor. you have to identify them. If you cannot do it perfectly, then you have to live with the problem. And if it is hard to get the money to the poor, then perhaps you have to spend



Professor Mirrlees: "Things fall into my lap . . . I live a charmed existence . . . I am not sure that I have ever applied for a job in my life"

economic theory," he added, "taken up by the political scientists, that there is no significant difference between the two main parties. Thatcher moved the Tory party to the right, which created more space for Labour, Labour maximises its vote by moving further into that space, pushing the Tories into a corner, as they hope they are doing. There is no serious risk of losing votes from the far left, but I think they have been induced to worry that even when things are looking good for them, they can still lose an

for the December 10 with his daughters - one an accountant, one a statistical psychologist on the British Crime Survey. The Canadian octogenarian Professor William Vickrey, whom he admires but has never met, will share the \$1.12 million cheque; an untaxed £308,500. (In America, Nobel prizes are taxable, which is not unreasonable.") He already considers himself handsomely reimbursed. When I left Oxford I was earning £50,000, which was certainly more than I re-

He is a man of simple needs. Just books - the detective novels of Rex Stout, P.D. James and John Dickson Carr - and music for his piano. He travels when invited to lecture, Seville. "I thoroughly enjoy that side of being an

"Things fall into my lap," he said contentedly. "I am some-one who always finds a parking place, as my family will tell you. I live a charmed existence. The World Bank will ask me to attend a conference, and they pay decently, and things like that keep coming along. I am not sure I have ever applied for a job in my life."



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Philip Howard



■ How frolics and romps lost their innocence at our hands

am poised to crackdown (clampdown?) on this shock frolicking and cavorting in the newspapers. This has been moved to the front-burner this week by the Princess Di spy video hoax. The Chairman of the Press Complaints Commission has written to The Times, rapping, slamming and possibly even lambasting (in a lordly way) the practice of videoing sex romps in a semi in Wandsworth and then passing the frolics off as having taken place at Highgrove in horsy Gloucestershire. But the vocabulary as well as the activity is interesting. Sex romps has been a tabloidese euphemism for ages, unusual because the phrase is longer than ser, the word it represents. But frolic and cavort are recent recruits.

They are true journalese. For nobody other than newspaper sub-editors would think of using the words in their new meanings—yet. There is, however, some evidence (sociological as well as empirical) that readers of newspapers pick up the short. sensational language of headlines, and start using words such as rap. probe, oust and quit in real life off the page. In theory there should be no such dialect as journalese. Newspapers should be written in all the various registers of everyday speech and writing. And a big newspaper has many voices, that vary in style from sports to its law reports, and from columnists to leading articles. But only short words in the big type of headlines fit the narrow width of columns without "busting". So grab fits better than confiscate, and ared rather than dismissed. And the need to grab the attention of readers in the rush-hour demands vivid words rather than precise but boring ones.

Even the common intensifier "very" is an attention-grabbing word. There was a time when "very" was forbidden in The Times. And this might be a good rule to restore. 'Very" hardly ever strengthens an adjective and often exaggerates. A very cold wind is in all probability only a cold wind; not Arctic. We might save two or three columns a year by excluding "very". But in giving up "very", we should not turn to "most" or "highly" or similar intensifiers by way of compensation.

Cavort was originally a horsy word from the Wild West, possibly a corruption of curvet. So its application to the activities in the video scam was exact. Frolic is a much older Teutonic word, originally meaning to make merry or gambol. Samuel Johnson was engagingly fond of both the activity and the word. But when he wrote: "My mistress laughs, and frisks, and frolics all day long", he surely did not have in mind the innuendo of the journalistic use. Nor was there any of the shorthand nudge-nudge-wink-wink when Johnson wrote: "She was a better romp than any I ever saw in nature." But Johnson's bluestocking friend, Hester Thrale, could no longer reply to him. "Gentlemen romped with the girls of the house", without the risk of being improperly misunderstood.

By a mischievous coincidence. Steve Norris, the former Minister of Transport, is reading his autobiography on the radio for late-risers at the Tory conference. Apart from raising the question of how a fairly clever man does not have the self-awareness to see that his memoirs of a romper, both serial and synchronic, make him out to be an ass as well as a cad, Norris introduces a selection of the sexual euphemisms of journalese, including rumpy-pumpy. Scholars hesitate to derive this. Perhaps it comes from romp.

Journalese does exist, and can be useful, though the careful writer thinks twice before using it. Like all jargons, it is shorthand that saves time and covers a multitude of sins. It conveys hidden meanings and tone of the message, and gives the reader the comfortable feeling of being at home in stock royal bonking story No 94. It serves much the same purpose as conventional epithets in epic poetry. There Achilles is swift-footed every time he makes an entrance, and you cannot meet Thetis without being told for the umpteenth time that she is silver-footed as well as the daughter of the Old Man of the Sea. And as in newspapers, so in enic there are stock stories. In the former, "KILLER DOG STORM DRAMA", and in the latter, They stretched out their hands to the food lying ready." The epic poets were using stock building blocks of oral poetry. So the journalists are using stock themes and phrases to tell their stories.

Robert Cranborne says Parliament must adapt, but any reform of the Lords must include the Commons

The last 350 years have been a great age of constitution writing. Virtually every constitution has proceeded from a declaration of first principles to a pretty detailed set of mechanical arrangements which attempt to remain consistent with the first principles.

To my mind this approach is fraught with difficulty. Man is not a perfectible beast, so how can a declaration of first principles itself be the embodiment of perfection — unless it has been drafted by God, not man? If the first principles are faulty, then the mechanical arrangements will be even faultier, because, however hard we try, they cannot but imperfectly reflect the principles from which they are derived. There is therefore a built-in gearing effect that magnifies the faults in the transmission from principle to application. Equally, the system is inherently inflexible by definition when changing times demand

constitutional evolution.

There is another difficulty too. Constitutions of this kind are the creation of governments. Citizens are thus, by definition, the servants of the State, because their freedoms are bestowed upon them by the State. Those freedoms are defined by the government and the constitution. Their rights are given them

by the State.
The British approach has been fundamentally different, Lord Donaldson put it far better than I could in the course of a wonderful speech he made last year in the House of Lords:

Don't unbalance our unwritten constitution

In this country our approach to human rights is, and always has been, different from that of many others. It is a difference of which I personally am very proud. It lies in the fact that in this country the citizen does not have to identify any right to justify his conduct. He has a total freedom of conduct unless restrained by law; and it is for those who complain of his conduct to identify which law it is which interferes with his freedom. He has no need of a list of freedoms, or rights of freedom. He has them anyway.

It occurs to me that we may be the only man on parade in Europe who is in step. The only things that constrain the freedom of the Queen's subjects are the Common Law and the provisions of

An unwritten constitution is by definition flexible. You need only pass a law to change it. It assumes that the status quo is not perfect because to change it is easy if there is a parliamentary majority for doing so. Evolution, rather than revolution, is built into the system. Evolution also ensures a sense of continuity and a sense of history, so

Continuity, evolutionary change, electoral authority - these add up to flexibility. This means that we can always change to meet new challenges. We do not need constitutional dirigisme any more than we need economic

Dead men are the ultimate authority for written constitutions. It is hardly surprising that we find it difficult to express the needs of today in the language of the dead. But in Britain the ultimate authority is the living electorate. It gives Parliament the right to exercise sovereignty and to allow the Government to exercise power, and, if necessary, to adapt the constitution to the circumstances of the day. The electorate is the guardian of Burke's compact between the dead, the

living and the yet unborn. I am more doubtful, however, about whether Parliament has yet adapted to the demands of today. The Prime Minister drew attention to some of what worries me in the lecture on the

important for a sense of nationhood. constitution that he delivered with such enthusiasm this summer. If the principles on which Parliament is founded are sound, there is clearly dissatisfaction about how they are applied.

Opponents of conservative principles fasten upon this dissatisfaction and use it to justify proposed constitutional reforms, which are based at best on the corporatism of the 1960s and the details of which they signally fail to elaborate. (I am increasingly inclined to think the question the electorate should ask of Mr Blair is: "Yes, we know you are in favour of motherhood and against sin, but what would you put in the Bill you laid before Parliament?")

We Tories can be satisfied that our constitution is soundly based and suitable for the coming century. At the same time, it is not good enough to rely on the great Duke of Wellington's approach to matters constitutional. To suggest that our present arrangements are the embodiment of perfection is profoundly un-Tory, since we believe neither in the perfectibility of man nor in

that of man's creations. To go on from there to suggest that we should preserve the constitution rather as English Heritage preserves a Grade I listed monument is equally unwise.

We would be better advised to look at the way our arrangements work in the light of modern life, and determine whether further evolution is in order. There is nothing new in this approach. In the late 1950s and early 1960s it informed an entirely successful reform of the House of Lords.

Some people badly want to reform the Lords further. I am not opposed to this in principle. After all, any reform of the House of Lords will increase its authority at the expense of the House of Commons. However, the present House of Lords works well, and should like to be convinced that any changes will make Parliament as a whole work better. In this, you cannot consider the two Houses separately. They are complementary and interdependent. So if any future government wants to reform the House of Lords, it is important that it should look at reform the context of both Houses of Parliament, rather than taking the crass and ignorant approach that the Labour Party has adopted.

This is an extract from the Politeia lecture, delivered last night at Bournemouth by Lord Cranborne, the Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords. The full text will be published by Politeia as a pamphlet.

God, me and Dr Dawkins

Scientists don't know and nor do I

but at least I know I don't know

nce again, I marvel when I see a copy of Index, and marvel even more when I see the name in full: Index on Censorship, the Magazine for Free Speech. The reason I marvel is that each of its yearly six issues manages to cram so much into 192 pages, photographs and all. Now for those who have not encountered Index, let me tell you that its title means what it says, and that includes lands in which a mere spoken or written few words can come close to death, let alone 192 pages. One section of Index, in every issue, gives a complete alphabetical list of countries in which there has been censorship: from Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina. Australia. Azerbaijan, Bahrain,

guay, the USA, Uz-bekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe. But Index does much more. It takes, for instance, one country, and looks deeply into that

country's state of democracy, if any. And it takes up the cases of many innocents

who are in, or about to be in, prison. I have written about Index before: but I have never hitherto dared to poke my nose into what I have never seen in Index - for the simple reason that Index has never dared to poke its nose into the subject. And what is it that makes Index go tiptoe over the ice, and makes my eyes to gleam? Look at the cover: in large letters, it announces the remarkable claim that God Is Not Dead.

There will be fireworks by nightfall, I tell you, and first into the arena is John Tusa (not a man to see angels in the sky). who strikes the gong with "They say God is dead. Why won't He lie down?"; Tusa continues with his own magnific-

Marx derided it as a delusion; Freud regarded it as immature delusion. Scientists dismissed it as unverifiable fantasy; humanists as evasion of grown-up confrontation with life. Religion should, on these terms, have had little or no part to play in the life of the late twentieth century. A belief in Progress now replaced a belief in Paradise tomorrow. Science could prove that the "answers" offered by religion were untrue, and that faith could not move mountains, nor would mountains come even to latter-day Moham meds. God's protection was conspicuous by its absence in the trenches of the Somme, in the gas ovens of the Nazi extermination camps, and in a score of

little children to come unto me", but, in our more enlightened times, the emphasis seemed to be more on the suffering and

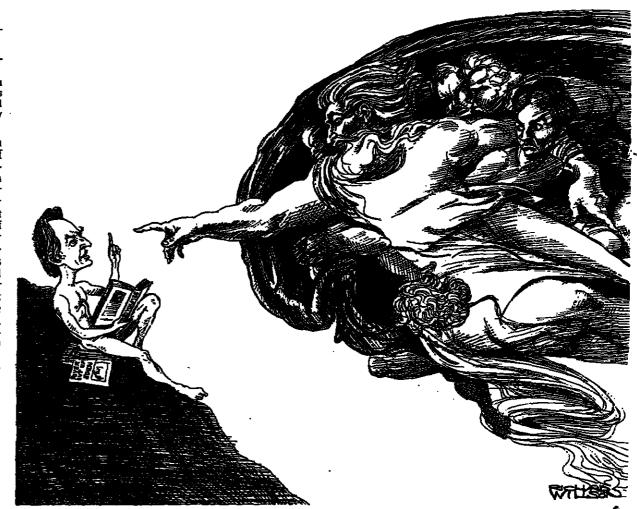
All that is true, yet as the millennium comes closer, not only do the waves of belief remain, but they swell more greatly and come ever closer. This is not a matter of larger families, let alone a fear of the millennium itself, as the same fear rose a thousand years ago at the last millennium. It comes from the depths of actual religion in its reality, however thin. But that does not answer the question. If more people are moving towards their churches and their mosques and their synagogues, what is the reason for that trek? The Chief Rabbi has put it Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia . . . to Uru- concisely, saying, "I don't think there would have been a

single social observer in the year 1900 who would have predicted that religion and religions would be as strong in the world today and, indeed, even in the liberal West, as they are." Very true,

the fact, and the fact is still to be found. The argument -- is there a God or is there not? - is raging, and that can hardly be a coincidence. What has provoked this most tremendous of arguments? Well, for one, the people who take their religion most seriously, are, of course, of the religion of Islam. It is a wonderful religion, but it is notoriously marred by the savage and dreadful fanaticism that some of its people stoop to. (It is raging dreadfully as I write.) But then, to soften the wound, what about a tiny phrase that leaps out of the Koran: "If all the trees in the world were pens, and all the oceans ink seven times replenished, still the word of God could

not be written"? I come back to the argument that is raging: Is there a God? Well, a great part of the raging comes from Dr Richard Dawkins, who does not believe that there is, or could be, a God; but I think Dr Dawkins shouts too loudly when he makes his powerful case against God. Mind you, he is a distinguished scientist, and he takes his argument seriously. For instance, a bus turned over and many people were killed or injured. Dawkins considered the tragedy:

if the universe were just electrons and selfish genes, meaningless tragedies like the crashing of the bus are exactly what we should expect, along with equally meaningless good fortune. It would mani-lest no intention of any kind. In a universe



of blind physical forces and genetic replications some people are going to get lucky . . . There is at bottom no design. no and no good, nothing but blind

powerful argument, but sometimes it turns into farce, as when we are told by a professor of chemistry at Oxford, Peter Atkins, that "It is not possible to be intellectually honest and believe in gods. And it is not possible to believe in gods and be a true scientist." Never mind that some of the greatest scientists in history, not to say many of the scientists working today, do believe in God; but when I read such stuff I cannot but think that some of those almost hysterical claims are, buried five fathoms deep, the opposite of what they screech - that is, they believe despite themselves, but cannot admit it. (And never mind that hundreds of millions of people all over the world, with no orders or demands,

pray to a god.) Now where do I stand in this catalogue? Well, obviously not in the ranks of atheism. Dr Dawkins makes a persuasive case, but writhe as he might, he can only say that there is but blind pitiless indifference in the universe.

Actually, he is automatically cheated; if he is right, and there is no God or anything else, he can't say "I got it right", because he will be dead. And if he is not dead, he got it wrong. There are many, of course, who deride those who pray, and yet on their deathbed ask for the rites. I would not think of jeering at such turncoats; rather. I would applaud.

Dr Dawkins must shake his head wearily when he surveys the huge numbers of worshippers in our sacred places, but he must come close to bursting when he wonders (though of course he doesn't) about the enormous numbers of religions that there are in our world, from the Christians and Jews and Muslims all the way to M'Shimba M'Shamba. He would reply, of course, by saying that what goes for Christianity goes for any other religion; but don't the sheer numbers count?

Never mind Dr Dawkins for a moment. Why is there today such a substantial discussion of religion and its effects? Yards and yards of columns in many papers discuss the idea of God or brush it aside, or gingerly put a toe in the water and find that it doesn't hurt. And after all, the 60 pages on the subject in Index ranged from the United States

to Russia, and from India to Israel, and from Algeria to Afghanistan. True. I am evading the question. I am asked: where do I stand when I see men and women going into churches, mosques and synagogues, and shuffle my feet and look the other way.

Of one thing I am certain; I do not, and never will, line up with the Dawkinses and their wafer-thin certainties. And if I did stop shilly-shallying and come off my very low horse, I think I would be throwing down my glove on the doorstep of the Anglican persuasion. But I am evading the question again. I am convinced that there is more to our tiny spot called life, and that somewhere. somehow after death, we live again. I like the Buddhist idea of repeated reincarnations until all the dust of humanity is burnt away. (Wouldn't it be a lark if Dawkins were turned into a Buddhist and took millions and millions of incarnations to get the message?

Well, if God is not dead. He is making a considerable stir. I am eager to see whether these substantial arguments that we have been treated to will continue or peter out. Ask Ecclesiastes: "All the rivers run into the sea; yet ## sea is not full."

Backslappers

BORED of attacking the BBC, the Conservatives have turned their rage on ITN. In Bournemouth on Wednesday afternoon, following ITN's lunchtime bulletin, Dame Sue Tinson, ITN's associate editor, was collared by Brian Mawhinney,

the Tory party chairman. She was informed of the Prime Minister's deep displeasure with ITN's coverage of his question and answer session on Wednesday morning. Certain good soundbites were not included and particularly offensive was the reporter's line: "John Major took off his jacket in the style of Tony Blair.

After her earwigging, the order went out from Tinson to the guilty young reporter to sort out the problem - or else he would not be admitted to ITN's party that evening. Later reports took into account the chairman's comments, and the Prime Minister duly graced the ITN party.

As the PM touched and giggled his way round the party, however, the lights went out, plunging the marquee into darkness. The Prime Minister's goons swarmed around their ward until the lights came on. Dame Sue then called to one of

if the situation arose, he was to dive in and take the bullet for the Prime Minister. She was greeted with low mutters and something about short straws and loyalty beyond the call.

 No one can accuse Ted Turner, businessman, of nepotism. He has just sacked his own son. Robert E.



"I was told the Estonian team had signed it?

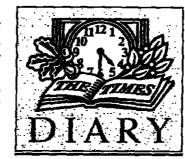
"Teddy" Turner IV. Turner Snr., who founded CNN before marry-ing Jane Fonda, employed his son as the promotions manager for the home video unit of Turner Broadcasting System Inc. With rumours about job cuts in the air, Teddy grew anxious and finally broached the subject of his career at a family dinner. His father's response was rugged: You're toast." So now Teddy is just another victim of corporate downsizing.

Cloth to fit

LATEST client at the shrine of high Tory tailoring. Redwood & Feller in London, is the Shadow Chancellor, Gordon Brown.

Mr Roland of Redwood & Feller makes suits for Douglas Hurd, Ian Lang and perhaps most famously cuts Bill Cash's go-faster pinstripes.

"I was telephoned and told that a very important person wanted some alterations done to his suits," Roland told a customer recently. "but he was too busy and important to come into the shop. Blimey, I thought, I make suits for a lot of important people and they all come in. This one must be some Sheikh or the Prime Minister or



"I was asked to come to this VIP's flat, which I don't often do. When I arrived and Mr Brown emerged, frankly I was crestfallen."

Brown is having to have his suits taken in after shedding pounds in his recent fitness drive.

Shirty!

WITH ministers removing their jackets at every opportunity at the Tory conference, shirts have taken on a new prominence. John Major, it emerges, wears shirts from Marks & Spencer.

They cost about £25 and are chosen for him by Norma, doubtless with input from their son James, an employee of M&S. The Prime Minister used to be renowned for never taking enough shirts on foreign trips and borrow-

ing those of his former press secretary, Gus O'Donnell. Asked about their leader's invariably white shirts. Tony Blair's officers replied simply: "Mind your own business."

Lion king

LOVE rather than dung vapour is in the air at London Zoo, where the female Asiatic lion, Ruchi, has been matched up with a mate once more. She has been alone since the demise of Arfur, the Hugh Hefner of the lion world. Jake, a



Brown: unexciting

stud from Chester Zoo, has been brought in to entertain Ruchi. Since their first meeting on Tuesday, their attentiveness to each other has not been a spectacle for the

"When we opened the door she just threw herself at him." says Douglas Richardson, assistant curator of mammals. "They've been inseparable ever since. And she's not even properly on hear yer. When that happens, probably in a couple of weeks it'll be very noisy around

All being well, the pair's goatish behaviour will culminate in cubs by the new year.

Sisterly

TELEPHONES in the Vatican press office have fallen silent recently. Not, however, as a result of an ebbing interest in the Pontiff's recovery after his appendix operation, but because concerned callers have found they get a far less guarded account from the nuns on the Vatican switchboard.

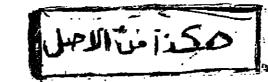
The multinational and multilingual sisters are, it appears, far more expansive about the Pope's condition than the tightlipped press office. Calling the Holy See yesterday afternoon, one of the nuns on duty, a German, verged on the gar-



Nun so informative

rulous as she gave a full account of the Pope's condition. "His Holiness is capable of doing everything: walking around speaking and of course a great deal of praying."

Tony Blair has been busy writing to Labour Party members extolling the virtues of new Labour's "five early pledges" on policy. An accom-panying leaflet details the pledges — all six of them.





THE GREASY POLE

In Bournemouth, the interests of ambition and loyalty coincide

This week, publicly at least, the Tory party has rediscovered its discipline. The very same representatives who cheered Lord Tebbit on the fringe gave Kenneth Clarke a standing ovation yesterday in the conference hall. "Unity, unity, unity", in Michael Portillo's words, is the main aim. But it is a funny sort of unity, meaning different things to different people.

To John Major, and to the activists who are fiercely loyal to him, it means casting aside divisions on Europe, rallying around the thin Cabinet line on a single currency and joining forces to attack Labour. To Cabinet ministers with their eye on the leadership election after the general election. it means proclaiming eternal devotion to Mr Major now, in the fairly sure knowledge that will not be leader this time next year.

In past years, it was important for leadership contenders to show how different they were from the Prime Minister - after all, in any contest, they would have to challenge him. Now the calculation has changed. Mr Major can be treated like an ailing granny, indulged because he will not be around for long. The pretenders will be fighting each other, not him.

Luckily for the Prime Minister, his interests and those of the ambitious colleagues who surround him coincide. He needs their support. They are happy to lend it because next year, if he loses, they will be rewarded for loyalty, not treachery. He needs public unity if he is to have a chance at the next election. They too want to maximise the number of Tory seats: none wants to be leader of a much diminished party. And, should the unthinkable happen and the Tories win again, they would rather be Cabinet ministers in government than a leader in opposition.

The difference between this year's conference and last is not that dissension has

Anything that reduces the thunder of lorries

through Britain's loveliest villages and spurs

economic regeneration in depressed areas

deserves scrutiny. The ambitious proposals,

submitted yesterday to the North of England

Councils Association, for a £6 billion scheme

to build a cross-country ship canal linking

Carlisle to Newcastle upon Tyne should

therefore be looked at seriously. Derek'

Russell, the retired engineer leading the

consortium that is proposing the Western

Water Highway, claims that the new lakes it

would create in the Pennines would also

boost local tourism and create 300,000 jobs.

ting a gorge through the Pennines roughly

where Hadrian built his wall, it would use

the latest canal and lock technology and

perhaps revive waterways throughout

Britain. The scheme would be a bold plan to

remp Britain's infrastructure at a time

when lack of vision and the constrictions of

tight Treasury funding have virtually killed

the initiative for the kind of big scale

engineering works that gave us Britain's

Unfortunately, the proposal is utterly

impractical. The first, and most basic flaw, is

that there is no proven need. As David

Werner points out in our letters columns.

there is only modest traffic between the Irish

and the North Seas, and no serious need for

a short cut from the Irish Sea to the

Continent. The suggestion that Newcastle

could win a new role as an entrepôt at a time

when traffic patterns will increasingly be

determined by the exploitation of the

Channel Tunnel and the road links to ports

to the proven benefit. The canal would be a

canal network almost 200 years ago.

The scheme is certainly ambitious. Cut-

ceased to exist. On the fringe, there is still passionate support for Euro-sceptics who oppose the single currency and sometimes even call for complete withdrawal from the EU. But in the hall, these feelings are no longer whipped up by sceptics from the Cabinet. Mr Portillo was notably low-key yesterday, after two consecutive years of firebrand anti-Brussels speeches. Both Peter Lilley and Michael Howard attacked Europe, but were careful not to overstep the Cabinet line. Even John Redwood has been muted this year.

There is still a sense, though, that the candidates are auditioning in Bournemouth for the role of leader. They deliberately stray from their departmental briefs. They end with rousing perorations about "Britain united", "our historic mission", "a great society", a "British renaissance". Implicitly, the audience is invited to imagine them standing in John Major's place on this day

If these ministers were genuinely loyal, they would not be contemplating defeat. They would be talking of a fifth term, peppering their speeches with hints of the manifesto to come, as the Tories always used to do in the conference before an election. Instead, the furthest they have lifted their eyes in public is to the truncated Queen's Speech next month. In private, they assume defeat and talk readily of the merits (and otherwise) of their rivals for the top job.

The Conservatives have become the hollowed-out party. Mr Major's desire for unity is heartfelt. So is that of his activists, even if they are dissatisfied with their party's policy on Europe. The Prime Minister and his troops are genuinely fond of one another. But in between lies a group of politicians who are thinking of their own prospects, not his. To them, Mr Major is the past; the future might just be theirs.

white elephant far larger than any such

species engendered by the Humber Bridge.

Mr Russell has indeed drawn attention to

the poor existing transpennine links: but for

a fraction of the money his consortium

would spend, the road and rail links could

be upgraded. There is a perfectly good but

underused line that runs from Newcastle to

Carlisle via Haltwhistle; with new container

technology, the line could be adapted, if

necessary, to allow piggy-back traffic to

move from the west coast to ships sailing to

Scandinavia and the Continent. The plan for

a parallel motorway also undercuts the very

raison d'être for the canal: if that much

capacity is added to the east-west route, the

The premise that such a canal would

revive water transport in Britain is mani-

festly untrue. British canals, unlike those in

France, Germany and the Low Countries,

are too few and too narrow to play more

than a marginal role in freight transport. A

few, such as the Manchester Ship Canal and

the recently opened canal between the

Humber and Leeds serve specific cities; but

there would be no point in building a fleet of

deep-draught barges and intermodal facil-

ities if there is no national network which

would do to the environment. This should

not be an absolute veto on every new project:

not every open space or breeding ground can

always be protected. The canal would not

cross any standing sections of Hadrian's

Wall. But to threaten, if not destroy, the

shallow waters of Morecambe Bay and the

lame duck of a project is not.

Finally, there is the damage the scheme

these could also serve.

canal itself will be superfluous.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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'Fudge' and 'appeasement' on single currency options

From Mr P. J. Claridge

Sir, The Prime Minister's statement of his position on a single currency ("We must not allow EMU to be fudged", October 5) ended:

If we decide to go ahead in the next Parliament we would consult the British nation in a referendum and accept their verdict. If we think it right to stay out, we will do so.

So, no referendum if a Conservative Government decides against joining. In his desire to appease the present sizeable anti-single currency constituency and to draw the electoral sting of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, Mr Major appears either to have overlooked, or deliberately ignored, the possibility of the balance of opinion swinging in favour of joining a single currency when the time

comes to decide. In what he rightly calls "one of the most important economic and political choices to face this country in decades" should not the electorate be given the opportunity to override the Government's choice - whatever it may eventually be? Fudge, Mr

Yours faithfully P. J. CLARIDĞE, Leylands, 20 Ham Road, Wanborough, Wiltshire.

From Mr Jeremy Grindle

Sir, Anyone involved in negotiation is aware of two principles: if you start by stating publicly your unalterable commitment to one position, then your influence will be minimal; if the terms on which negotiation will be concluded are greatly in doubt, then you cannot evaluate in advance the benefits

and costs to your own organisation. When one sees the way in which the views of our European partners are evolving, it seems blindingly obvious that "negotiate, wait and see" is the correct policy. Those who urge that we should decide before negotiations are complete have lost sight of these simple principles.

I am. Sir, your obedient servant, JEREMY GRINDLE. Viking Conage, Shore Road, Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex. October 8.

From Sir Anthony Meyer Sir. Mr Malcolm Rifkind says in his

speech to the party conference that there are no Conservative federalists. I am certainly not the only Conservative who believes that those things which are best done at European level should be done at that level; that those things which are best done at national level are best done at that level; but also that those things which are best done at local level should be done at that level.

When this concept is expressed in an institutional structure it is called federalism, and I support it.

ANTHONY MEYER 9 Cottage Place, SW3.

From Sir Peter Marshall

Sir, Mr Redwood (article, October 7) is surely right to point to the scope for determined British diplomacy in the present European situation.

EMU devotees throughout Europe must be acutely conscious of the vulnerability of the Maastricht enterprise. But they will not readily heed valid British criticisms of it if we say in effect that we are not going to join anyway.

The realities of interdependence put us inescapably at the heart of Europe. We are not simply agitated bystanders. We share the vital common interest in the fruitful evolution of the European Union. This will not be helped by attempts to distort the facts to fit the letter of the treaty.

Yours faithfully. PETER MARSHALL 26 Queensdale Road, WII.

From Mr Christopher Johnson

Sir, Simon Jenkins (article, October 9) says that my book. In with the Euro, out with the Pound. is not convincing. He argues that the economic benefits of a currency union "can be achieved sovereign self-discipline. Why does he think that the sovereign United Kingdom can suddenly practise self-discipline when it has manifestly failed to do so for the last half-century?

The Bank of England's recent attempts to control interest rates have been overruled by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as is provided for under the post-1992 monetary regime. The European Central Bank, while accountable to politicians, will not be subject to this kind of political override. If Simon Jenkins wants to make use of Occam's razor and cut out unnecessary entities, he should apply it to national currencies.

Yours etc CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON. 39 Wood Lane, No. October 9.

Plans for English 'Panama canal' From Mr David Werner

Sir. Your report on the plan for an English "Panama Canal" linking Carlisle to Newcastle upon Tyne (October 7) properly emphasises the enormous ecological threat that this scheme poses to a large and precious part of the English countryside. It did not, however, seriously address the economic feasibility of what is in my view a preposterous and unnecessary project.

Such freight volumes as can be realistically predicted for the waterway deny it any prospect of viability let alone its suggested capacity to create 300,000 jobs.

The modest traffic between the North and Irish Seas is adequately handled by existing road and rail links which could be cost-effectively improved if any need arose. One should further ask how Mr Dennis Russell's consortium intends to finance not only the construction of the canal but the associated undertakings of a new motorway running the entire length of one of Europe's most beautiful coastlines, and the demolition or enlargement of major bridges.

As for a "shortcut route from the Irish Sea to the Continent", one must seriously question whether Newcastle, several hundred miles west of Denmark, really fits the bill. The English Channel, south-eastern ports and, increasingly, the Channel Tunnel will continue to be in an unassailable position, for both economic and geographical reasons, as conduits for freight between Britain and Europe.

Yours faithfully, DAVID WERNER, 34 Clyde Road, N22. October 7.

Breeding success

Sir, The encouraging news you reported from the RSPB (news in brief, early

editions, October 7) concerning breed-

ing success of some of our rarer large

raptors needs to be seen in context. In

the case of the golden eagle, for example, typically three-quarters of this year's young will die before they reach

Larger species commonly raise but one chick per year. Some of them, in-

cluding golden eagle, are highly vul-

nerable to disturbance and the length

of the breeding cycle is such that, if the

first attempt fails, no second attempt

is made. There is no room for compla-

breeding age in five years' time.

From Mr John Gudgeon

Breast cancer drugs

From Dr Ian Kunkler

Sir. In a report on October 2, "Victims of breast cancer 'denied life-saving drugs you quote Mrs Margaret Ghilchik, director of the breast unit at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, as talking of "lazy" surgeons and radiotherapists who prescribe tamoxifen instead of anti-cancer drugs after surgery for breast cancer.

Mrs Ghilchik suggested that "sur-geons had been trained to perform mastectomies or to remove lumps from the breast and radiotherapists had been trained to shine X-rays on patients' scars". Neither is looking at the biology of the disease, she said.

Laziness is not the problem, in my view. Studies in the UK have shown that failure to offer appropriate chemotherapy to women with breast cancer is largely due to patients not being referred for a non-surgical oncologist's opinion.

Consultant radiotherapists and oncologists increasingly work as part of multi-disciplinary teams, with specialist breast surgeons, to select appropriate treatment after breast surgery to reduce the risk of recurrence. The recent Calman report on cancer

services seeks to ensure a uniformly high standard of specialist care for patients with cancer by establishing an integrated network of cancer units (mainly based in district general hospitals) and specialist cancer centres.

the latter offering a comprehensive range of cancer services.

The establishment of this network requires virtually doubling the numbers of consultant non-surgical oncologists. Unless there is the political will to fund this expansion, regional variation in cancer care will persist.

Yours faithfully, IAN KUNKLER (Consultant radiotherapist and oncologist), Western General Hospital, Crewe Road, Edinburgh 4.

From Professor Michael Baum

Sir, Mrs Margaret Ghilchik is wrong in ascribing breast cancer high mor-tality to "lazy" surgeons unwilling to prescribe immediate post-operative chemotherapy. Firstly, surgeons should not be prescribing chemother-apy; that is the role of the medical/ clinical oncologists who should be part of the multi-disciplinary team working alongside the surgeon.

Secondly, immediate short-term post-operative chemotherapy was subject to a number of intensive clinical trials nearly a decade ago and failed, despite an attractive hypothesis.

Thirdly, trials of tamoxifen given between two and five years after surgery have demonstrated a 25 per cent reduction in the risk of breast cancer deaths over a 15-year follow-up and the drug is effective in all groups apart from those pre-menopausal women

whose tumours do not contain the oestrogen receptor.

Fourthly, and most encouragingly, since 1985 there has been a substantial fall in breast cancer mortality in all age groups. This antedated the NHS national screening programme and is almost certainly due to the widespread adoption of tamoxifen for postmenopausal women and prolonged combination chemotherapy for premenopausal women.

Finally, Mrs Ghilchik's biology is out of date. We now believe that the metastases (secondary tumours throughout the body) existing at the time of diagnosis in a large percentage of women are not actively growing but have the potential for stimulation and growth by ill-judged intervention.

The new approach to the managetempt to maintain these secondaries in a dormant state prior to surgery with simple biological therapies. The Cancer Research Campaign clinical trials group is planning to launch such a study early in the New Year.

MICHAEL BAUM (Chairman, UK Co-ordinating Committee for Cancer Research, Breast Cancer Sub-Committee), University College London Medical School. Department of Surgery, Charles Bell House. 67-73 Riding House Street, WI. October 3.

permission both of the Government

and the head of the family. Margarita

has obtained neither. Her father gave

up all rights for his heirs when he

abdicated; and he lost his status as

head of the family when he was de-

feated by his older brother, Carol. in

the Portuguese Supreme Court in 1955, the French courts in 1957 and

1963, and in the Romanian courts in

Both the Government of President

Iliescu and the opposition party lead-

ers have stated that they have not

given Margarita permission to use

her former title, so she has tragically

Jude's obscure origins From the Editor of Dorset magazine

Downham Market, Norfolk.

Yours sincerely.

J. GUDGEOŇ,

October 7.

2 Clackclose Road.

Sir, Your review of the film Jude (Arts, October 3) is generally fair both to author, Thomas Hardy, and director Michael Winterbottom. It would be incorrect, however, to suggest any unfaithfulness in Mr Winterbottom's rejection of "twee" Dorset for his set-

Jude the Obscure himself lived far from Hardy's "Inner Wessex". His home at "Marygreen" was based on that of the author's paternal grandmother, which was at Fawley, near Wantage, in Berkshire. The Brown House" on the downs (actually the Red House) has since been demolished (Hardy's Wessex Locations, F. P.

Pitfield, Dorset Publishing Co. 1992). At any event, it is doubtful if Winterbottom could have created a suitably austere canvas with authentic locations in what now comprises London's green belt. Edinburgh also makes a far more convincing 19th-century Ox-

As for Kate Winslet's performance, Hardy would have warnly approved given his old-age infatuation with Gertrude Bugler as the stage Tess.

Yours sincerely. Editor, Dorset magazine, Poundbury Farmhouse, Dorchester, Dorset.

October 4.

Common men?

From Mr C. R. F. Arkwright

Sir. Like John Major and Tony Benn, I too have chaired a question and answer session in my shirt sleeves (report, October 10); the only difference was that Mr Benn and I weren't Prime Minister at the time.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES ARKWRIGHT, Lowndes Lambert House, Friary Court. Crutched Friars, EC3. October 10.

Lady Lavery From Mr Ben Moore

Sir, A story circulated around the North of Ireland many years ago described how Lady Lavery (letter, October I) on one occasion attended some glittering social function unaccompanied. On giving her name at the door of the salon the Belfast Master of Ceremonies smiled kindly and toldher that it was "second on the left".

Yours truly, BEN MOORE, Greentree. 15 St Margaret's Road, Hereford,

Solway Firth would ruin the habitat of in the South East is to fly in the face of 300,000 native and migratory birds. The economic and demographic sense. Secondly, the cost is out of all proportion pink-footed geese are worth saving: this

HADRIAN'S CANAL

Is there a need for a white elephant to cross the Pennines?

Coronation chicken, sandwiches and lingerie hit Germany

DEUTSCHEMARKS AND SPENCER

The Schildergasse in Cologne will never be the same again. The thoroughfares of Germany with their regulated and protected stores have finally been hit by Margaret Thatcher's favourite institution — Marks & Spencer, as well as one of her best dishes, coronation chicken. Already dark rumblings of protest from the domestic retail market suggest that they know the game is up. The final triumph of St Michael, patron saint of pre-packed sandwiches, soft clothing, and distinguished green plastic bags, is now merely a matter of time.

For once, the British have stolen a march over Herr Kohl and his federalist cohorts. Soon Germany will be flooded with the soft ECU, Extremely Comfortable Underwear. The presence of our flagship company on the Continent has been established for some time. In France, the fashionable classes have long been seduced by Les Marks and Sparks. While it cannot be claimed that the Gallic fashion houses have been swept aside, the sandwich section of the empire is all the rage. No self-respecting Parisian would be seen buying the traditional baguette when the chic prawn sandwich option is available instead. The microwave ment, pour deux is to be seen at the tables of the Latin quarter. However, until today the nearest outlet to Germany has been Strasbourg; now the Rhine has been crossed.

The especially admirable aspect of the M&S strategy is their refusal to bend to local sensibilities. The store in Cologne will be

Coventry. It has developed a new slogan especially for the German market - Kein Kaufhaus, Weltanschauung - not a department store, but a world philosophy. The German staff have been flown over to Britain to ensure that they are schooled in the traditions of M&S. Among their duties will be to demonstrate to the Hausfrau not only the differences in cuisine, but also the finer points of British customer care. They will, no doubt, take trouble to

as oppposed to the traditional Stollen, and the staff may well learn lessons from customers about the frugality of Abendbrod, the evening meal consisting of slices of German bread and salami or cheese.

The company could be a role model for the Conservative Party in its quest for a European policy capable of widespread consensus. For Marks & Spencer is a microcosm of the sort of single market Thatcherites might applaud. In Britain, the store's shelves now heave with Italian olive hread and interesting Greek starters providing a range of choice unknown even a decade ago. Now Germany will benefit from the new cultural experience this branch of M&S will bring, and will be able to enjoy a taste of real European integration, far more meaningful than political treaties and bureaucratic edicts. Today M&S opens on the Rhine; next stop, perhaps, the German

virtually identical to those in Cardiff or

explain the origins of a Christmas pudding

capital, Berlin.

No longer royal

From Mr Peter McGregor

National Grid

Sir, Mr Andrew Young has a point when he suggests that excessive profits in the electricity transmission business should be used to bury the overhead lines which are so obtrusive (letter, October 9). Much is made of the difference in

cost between high voltage underground cables and overhead lines (the sort of figure quoted by the electricity supply industry is typically that the former cost is twelve times the latter) and indeed it is obvious that air is a cheaper insulating and cooling medium than underground alternatives. When I was a supplier to this industry I pursued this matter of cost and

was told that the impact on generation and transmission costs would be about 3 per cent, a figure which I suspect most people would gladly pay to get rid of the wirescape.

A year or two ago I had the opportunity to put this directly to David Jefferies, Chairman of National Grid, at a meeting of the Royal Society of Arts. at which he was emphasising his company's concern for the environment. He did not question the figure.

Yours faithfully, PETER McGREGOR Dacre Cottage. Longworth, Oxfordshire. October 9.

Football crazy From Mr Julian Arthur

Sir, You publish today a photograph of Scotland's winning kick-off against

zero men of Estonia. It shows the Scottish no 6 with arms held high above his head in triumph. complete with clenched fists.

Whatever will he do if Scotland wins a match when the opposition turns up? Yours etc.

JULIAN ARTHUR, Ivy House, Main Street, Follifoot, Harrogate, Yorkshire. October 10.

Business letters, page 29

From Professor Stefan Ionescu and Professor Mihaela Ionescu

Sir, Further to Mr Brooks-Baker's letter (October 2), we note that your report of September 23 on the marriage of Princess Margarita of Roma-nia to actor Radu Duda referred to the Princess's mother, the wife of ex-King Michael, as Queen Anne. This is quite

Anne de Bourbon-Parma married Michael one year after he abdicated at the end of 1947. In Burke's Royal Families of the World (1977) she is listed as Princess Anne, and in America, England. Romania and France she is almost invariably referred to thus. She was never

Under Romanian law any member of the royal family who marries a Romanian commoner must obtain the

Missing guide From Mr Peter Townend

Sir, At the foot of his letter of October 2 Mr Brooks-Baker describes himself as Publishing Director of Burke's Peerage. I can only wonder why he does not direct someone into publishing this book again.
I was the editor of the last Burke's

Peerage (1970) and of two volumes of a Burke's Landed Gentry series which ended in 1972 - since when silence. Whatever the fate of the House of Lords, or indeed of the landowning families, these volumes are invaluable reference books for historians, researchers, the law, etc.

It is difficult to understand why 25 years have passed without them. I am sure there would be people ready to put up the money for such projects, and also people willing to work on them, as is proved by the continued existence of the equally useful Who's Who and Debrett.

Yours faithfully, PETER TOWNEND (Social consultant. The Tatler). 36 Chelsea Towers. Chelsea Manor Gardens, SW3. October 3.

Gambaccini's exit From Ms Maureen Jenkins

Historical Literary Agency,

Bucharest and Iasi, Romania.

25 Cristofor Colomb Str.

Sir, I was surprised to hear Paul

forfeited that right.

STEFAN IONESCU,

M. J. IONESCU.

October 3.

Gambaccini's name mentioned in the various celebratory programmes last Sunday on Radio 3 during its tribute to the 50th birthday of the Third Programme and Radio 3 (see also article. Radio 3 shouldn't be what it used to be", October 2). If the shameful episode of Paul

Gambaccini leaving Radio 3 - taking away his American accent after displays of hatred and prejudice from some listeners — had occurred 50 years ago one might comprehend it. but for it to have happened in this multi-cultural age is both shocking and incredible, and blights the festive atmosphere of the Third's 50th birth-

Yours faithfully MAUREEN JĒNKINS, 20 Beach Way, Jaywick Sands. Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. October 2.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 10: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh today attended a Service of Inauguration of a Memorial Stone to Inauguration tycims in Westminster Abbey and were received by the Dean (the Very Reverend Michael Mayore)

During the Service Her Majesty unveiled the Memorial Stone and The Queen and The Duke of Edin-The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh subsequently laid a Wreath.
His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, this afternoon gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.
The Duke of Edinburgh, President and Honorary Life Fellow, Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, this evening presented the 1996 Albert Medal and attended a Dinner at 8 John Adam Street, London WC2.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 10: The Princess Royal, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, today attended a Council Meeting at Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, London ECZ.

October 10: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon was present today at the Barbican Hall at the Annual Council Meeting of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelry to Children. KENSINGTON PALACE October 10: The Duchess of GloucesLincoln's Inn

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ter, Patron, National Asthraa Can-paign, this morning attended the Asthraa Gift Fair at the Hurlingham Club, Ranelagh Gardens, London

In the afternoon Her Royal High-ness, Patron, National Missing Per-sons Helpline, attended a Service of Thanksgiving and Hope at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street and sub-sequently was present at a Reception at St Bride's fustinue, London ECA. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE October 10: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened Phase II of the Woking Community Hospital. Heathside Road, Woking, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Mr Richard Thorntoo)

Today's royal

engagements The Queen and the Duke of Edin-burgh will visit Lincoln to open the new University of Lincolnshire and Humberside at 11.15.

Humberside at 11.15.
The Princess Royal, as Patron of Farms for City Children, will visit Wick Court. Overton Lane, Arlingham, Gloucestershire, at 10.30 to launch a book. Sam's Duck; will visit Young Homeless Projects community projects at 66 St Paul's Road. Cheltenham, at 11.45; and, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend the Warwickshire crime reduction programme at shire crime reduction programme at the Parents and Adult Literacy Centre. Hob Lane Church of England Infant School, Hazel Grove Bedworth, at 1.35.

Princess Margaret will visit NSK Bearings (Europe), Peterlee. County

Memorial service

Lord Daresbury The Mayor and Mayoress of Warrington attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Daresbury held yesterday at St John's, Walton, Warrington. The Rev W.J. Highton and Canon J.O. Colling of Finials of the service of the se

Lord Daresbury, son, and the Hon Thomas Greenall and Edward Greenall, grandsons, gave readings. Mr Andrew Thomas gave an address. Among others present were Moily Lady Daresbury (widow), Dr the Hon Gilbert and Mrs Greenall (son and daughter-in-law), the Hon John Greenall (son), Lady Daresbury (daughter-in-law). Oliver Greenall, Toby Greenall, Freddie Greenall and Alexander Greenall (grandsons), directors, employees and pensioners of the Greenalls Group and many other iriends.

Lieutenant Colonel St John Brooke Johnson

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Lieutenant Colonel St John Brooke Johnson, OBE, MBE, will be held in the Guild Church of St Lawrence Jewry, Gresham Street, London, EC2, at 11.30am on Thursday, November 21, 1996.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held yesterday at Westminster

Council House. Among those present

were.
The Ambassador of Switzerland and Mme Nordmann, the Ambassador of Georgia and Mrs Mamaissahvill, Sir Gordon and Lady Woisten holme, Councillor Kevin Gardner and Baroness Gardner of Parkes, Councillor Mrs Jenny Blanco, Mr and Mrs Robert Flach, Mr and Mrs Peter Ford, Mr and Mrs Alex Johnston, Mr Graham Kelly, Mrs Romaine Armstrong, Mr and Mrs David Lloyd-Jones, Mr and Mrs David Lloyd-Jones, Mr and Mrs

Dinners



Maria Bueno, tennis champion, who is 57

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark, former MP, 64: Miss Maria Bueno, tennis player. 57: the Hon Sir Adam Butler, former MP, 65: Sir Bobby Charlton, tootballer, 59: Vice-Admiral Sir John Coward, 59: Miss Valerie Cumming. deputy director, Museum of London, 50: Sir Timothy Daunt, diplomat, 61: Sir Michael Edwardes, former chair man, British Leyland, 66: Miss Dawn French, actress and comedienne, 39; Mr Geoffrey Haslam, former chair man. Prudential Corporation. 82: Sir Denys Henderson, former chairman, ICI, 64: Mr Henry King, nonexecutive chairman. Rentokil Group. 60: Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McIntos 77; Mr Alan Pascoe, athlete, 49; Lord Prior, 69; Mr David Rendall, tenor, 48: Dame Paddy Ridsdale, 75: Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Stear, 58, Lord Tordoff, 68; Colonel Thomas H. Trevor, 85: Mr Thomas Wheare, Headmaster, Bryanston School, 52: Mr Tony Worthington, MP, 55.

Reception

Lord Mackay of Clashfern The Lord Chancellor, Honorary President of the Society of Scottish reception held yesterday at the House

A D Oakes, London SW18; A M Day, Edinburgh; A P J Hogan, Brighton; W J Tyler, Leicester; A J Morgan, Seabridge, Staffs; R S Claridge, Southampton; N T Smith, Dagenham, Esser; W M P Goude, London NW6; S J Coleman, London E2; M P Whyte, Bretton, Ramon Pajares, Mr James Rankin, Miss Jane Clark, Captain and Mrs Michael Sauvage, Mr Kevin Taylor, Mr and Mrs Warren Todd, Mr Nicholas Allott. Miss Christa d'Souza, Mr and Mrs Paul Beisman, Mr Trevor Box, Miss Penny Mitzmann, Mr and Mrs Gerald Davis, Miss Rosemary Devine, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Freeman, Commander and Mrs William Hucklesby, Mr and Mrs Stephen Leach, Mr and Mrs David Messias, Mr and Mrs David Messias, Mr and Mrs Terence Neville, Mr and Mrs Ut Prager, Ms Paula J Rigby, dressed the meeting. Coholders' Compan

Mrs Ueli Prager, Ms Paula J Rigby, and Mr and Mrs Sydney Sporie. The Intellectual Property Lawyers' Organisation
The Intellectual Property Lawyers'
Organisation held their autumn

DEATHS

on Tuesday, October 8. The subject of the meeting was the infringe-ment of registered trade marks. Mr Justice Laddie was in the Chair. Mr Geoffrey Hobbs, QC, and Mr Anthony Willoughby ad-

Inner Temple

derman Sir Christopher Walford was the principal guest at a ladies' night dinner of the Upholders Company held last night at the Mansion House, Mr Derek Stanley Austin, Master, presided, assisted by Mr Peter Allocca, Senior Warden, and Mr Roy Alan Wood, Junior Warden.

Royal Navai Regulating Branch held last night in HMS Excellent, Portsmouth. Lieutenant-Commander J. Beardall, Provost Marshal (Navy).

Service dinners

Royal Naval Regulating Braz

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, was the principal guest and a speaker at a dinner of the Honourable Artillery Company Mess

Club held last night at Armoury House to mark his 80th birthday July 9) and 50 years of membership of the HAC. Colonel G.E. Gilchrist, president of the club, was in the chair. Captain J.E. Stover and Brigadier Lord Aldington also spoke. General Sir Michael Wilkes. Colonel Commenced Mr W.E.E. Boreham, Chief Con-stable of the Ministry of Defence

Trinity Term calls to the Bar

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In absentia K. L. Dolphin, Sheldon, Birmingham; E. M. Shear, Redbridge, Essex.

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Middle Temple

Police, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the officers of the nt, attended.

The King's Royal Rifle Corps Field Marshal Lord Bramall, KG. presided at the annual danner of the Celer et Audax Club held last night at

the Cavalry and Guards Club. Royal Corps of Signals Major-General J.O.C. Alexander, Representative Colonel Com-

Hampstead, London: B J E Bowden. islington. London: D Mathews, Little Stretton, Salop: M A Crean, Liverpool: G D P K Fishwick. Bognor Regis: M Curley. Newmarker: S J Ellion: Upper Beeding, W Sussex: C S Jones, E Croydon, Surrey: C A Kavanaugh, Harpenden, Herts: S A Leene, Ashton-under-Lyne: A J Cox, Westminster, London: R G Jenner. Sale. Ches; E W Soulsby, Wolverhampton: G T Kelly, Kilburn, London: L K Nesbit. Cardiff: B L Todd, Crawley, W Sussex: K B Haywood, Brentwood, Essex: T B Hayes. Islington, London: S Riggs, Bristol: S Johai, Hayes, Mddlx: S H Slater, Armitage. Staffs: A J Smiler, Beaconsfield, Bucks: H I Edwards, Cardiff: N P L Griffin. Isleworth, Mddx: P J Ireland, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne: P J M Dahlsen, Ealing, London: A R Lodge, Choriton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, R F Johnson, Rhyi, Chwyd: C K Abban, Norwood, London: Z K Okhai, London WCI: J C Knight, Finchampstead, Berks: A M Robertson, Didcot, Oxon: A Demetriou, Larnaca: J R Myers, Ormskirk: C D Barnett, Tewkesbury, Gloucs: M Muthu. Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia. mandant, attended the annual aumanuant, autention the annual auturns guest night dinner of the Royal
Corps of Signals held last night at
Headquarters Mess, Blandford, Dorset, Colonel T.E.M. Richardson presided. Brigadier N.F. Wood, Signal
Officer-in-Chief (Army) was present.

Eaton Hall Officer Cadet School The Duke of Westminster was present at the eighth reunion dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Major-General Sir Philip Ward presided. The principal guests were General Sir Michael Rose and Commodore

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.J. Bass and Miss J.R. Brecher

CJG Simpson, London NW1: CRJ
Gourley, London NW3; EJ Grieves,
Trimdon Colliery, Co Durham: S S
Karim, Ruala Lumpur, S i, Clarke,
Clubmoon, Liverpool; TP Vaughan,
London El1; M A Shepherd,
Burnley, S S Nagshbandi, London
W11: MJ Hewitson, London W12; W
W Purcell, London SE22; J G
Richards, Oxford: P Anjomshoaa,
London N10; S A Trueman, London
N3; H J Humpage, London N1; N
Demetriou, London SW3; M B C
Lynn, London SW14; M W Lau,
London N6; T M Achurch,
Cropston, Leicester, K I, Charles,
Bradford: B S Cherrill, Lewes: S
Leonard-Morgan, London W12; A S
K Malden, Brighton: C SI J Gilbert,
London SW 1; M Gardiner, London
SW4; G C Vessey, London SW3: L
Rahman, London El: A M Posta,
Sldmouth, Devor: F E V Chubb,
London W1; A S Cox, London N2; G
G Barber, Chorleywood, Herts, C A
Obortyo, London SW17: MJ Winter,
London SW12; C A Guilloff, London
NW11: CJ Brennan, London P2; R A
Amarsinha, Leybourne, Kent: I S
Forrester, QC, Scottish advocate,
London EC4.

B M G Elkington, Bayswater, London; J S Dhillon, Maidenhead, Berks: M A Francis, Stonebridge, London; C Dunn, Newcastle upon Tyne: A R M G Bayston. Windsor: M Novy, Sution, Surrey; R T Leiper, St Peters. Guernsey: D H Brawn, Telegraph Hill. London; S W Gibson, Exmouth; N Karuppen, Greenford, Mddix: S V N Bourke, Rilburn. London; E P Joannon, Bayswater, London; J C R St. J Earle, Duxford. Cambs: N A Ffirch, Huntingdon; S M Jobanputra. Cheadle. Ches: A M Joavis, Wolvey, Leks: T S Green, Barthy, Leics; R D Hill. Battersea. London; T J Kenefick, Friern Barnet, London; T J Kenefick, Friern Barnet, London; T J Kenefick, Friern Barnet, London; T J M Welsh. Learnington Spa: A J Sharland. Tunbridge Wells: S D Miller, Congleton. Ches J W Hallam, Houghton-on-the-Hill. Leics: S O Williams. Middlesborough; R S Javail, New Delhi; D A Warnet. Upton Bishop, H & W; J M Powey, Penarth, Glam; A J W Ayres. Chelses. London; D J Lintott, Rotherby, Leics: K N Ahmad, Wimbiedon, London; E T Legard, Bedale, Yorks; C A A Gibaud, Beigravia. London; F C Parks, Chelses, London; B Warner, S Parel, Barnet, London; A J Tanser. Mexborough, Yorks; A M O'Connor, Rainham, Kent; G P Branston, Thurcaston, Leics; A L Coakley, Epson, Surrey; N J Jones, Tenbury Wells, Wortester: M J Taylor, Soke-on-Trent, R I Usher, Darrington, London; J D R Mortimer, Meds; F D Harold, S Woodham Ferrers. Essex: N Peacock, Newcastle upon Tyne; M B Chambers. Portsmouth: M Rees, Bridgend, Glam; L R Freeston, Ealing, London; J D R Mortimer, Meds; D J J J J J Ans. Standen, Bristol D W Wilson, Doncaster: E-J Hobbs, Hampton. Modix: S F Jelf, Tamworth, Staffs: T P Scott, Hallsham, E Sussex: P M Seguss, Blackpool: T D Collingwood. Kilburn, London: O M Ward. Warner, London: D Mathews, little Stretton, Salop; M A Crean, Stille System, Salop, M A Coppensed, London; D M Mathews, Little S

Gray's Inn

The engagement is announced between Adam James, son of Mr Martin Bass and Mrs Lorriane Bass, and Joanna Rosalind, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry A. Brecher, of London, W2. Mr M. Brassington

and Miss P.S.L. Norman The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr J.A. Brassington, of Highgate, London. and Mrs G. Hepsworth, of Old Windsor, Berkshire, and Penelope, twin daughter of Dr and Mrs W.J. Norman, of Lyth Hill, Shrewsbury.

Mr P.M.S. Chesser and Miss S.C. Griffin

The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Dr Donald Chesser, of Chipstead, Surrey, and Mrs Akey Self. of Shere, Surrey, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr Nicolas Griffin, of Barnford, Derbyshire, and Mrs Bridget Raby, of Milford, Staffordshire.

Mr J.O. Hall and Miss E.S. Hallam

The engagement is announced between James Oliver, son of Mr and Mrs Tony Hall, of Fulbeck Lincolnshire, and Elizabeth Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joe Hallam, of Holme, Newark, Nottinghamshire. Flight Lieutenant D.J. Kay and Dr S.C.B. FitzPatrick

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Kay, of Welling, Kent, and Sally, youngest daughter of the late Mr Ivor FitzPatrick and of Mrs Maureen FitzPatrick, of Pollokshields, Glasgow.

Mr J.T. Lury and Dr D.C. Hill The engagement is announced between Jonathan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Lury, of Little Shelford, Cambridge, and Diana, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Hill, of Hardepool, Cleveland.

Mr P.M. O'Donnell

and Miss K.P. Malmgren The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of the late Mr Manus O'Donnell and of Mrs Patricia O'Donnell, of Sydney. rairia Uninea, of Symby, Australia, and Philippa, daughter of Ambassador Harald Malmgren, of Warrenton, Virginia, USA, and Mrs Patricia Malmgren, of Bethesda, Maryland, USA.

and Miss C.V.A. Hewitt The engagement is announced between Campbell, son of Mr Charles Rodden and the late Mrs Jean Rodden, of Fife, and Caroline. younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hewitt, of Bolton.

Mr W.D.K. Todd

and Miss H.R.A. Gaywood The engagement is announced between William Derek Kenneth. son of Dr and Mrs Derek Todd, of Western Hill, Durham, and Har-riet Rosemary Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Gaywood, of Kippen, Stirlingshire

Mr C.J. Warren-Smith

and Miss F.E. Inchbald The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Doug Warren-Smith and Helen Hosking, Melbourne, Australia. and Fiona, daughter of Sally Inchbald, Cattistock, Dorset.

Mr S.A. Wiles and Miss E.K. Butterworth The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr au Mrs Terence Wiles, of Stokesley.

North Yorkshire, and Emma daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Peter Butterworth, of Downton, Wiltshire. Mr R.M. Windle

and Miss F.L. Fellingham The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Major and Mrs F. Windle, of Pissouri, Cyprus, and Fleur, daughter of the Rev John and Mrs Fellingham, of Little Ellingham, Norfolk

Marriages

Mr I. Kochkarev and Miss C.M. de Pury

The marriage took place on Octo-ber 4, at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral, London, between Mi Ivan Kochkarev and Miss Catherine de Pury.

Mr LW. Reid

and Miss H.S. McCall The marriage took place on September 19, 1996, at Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark, of Leslie William Reid, B Acc. and Miss Helen Stewart McCall. both of Lanark. The Rev Catherine Collins officiated. Dr Alan W. Baird was best man.

Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of The Royal Society of Chemistry in September 1996. They are entitled to use the They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters CChem FRSC.

M C Allen, A LAndrady, R W Avery, P A Bather, D Bellus, M G Bentinelli, H B Broughton, A E G Cass, P W Catherall, J Chakraborty, H C Cheng, H F Chow, T G Clarke, A Cooper, M G Curl, S K Das, J E Davies, A L Dietz, J Gerrant, M J Green, K D M Harris, J S Hobbs, G R Hodges, R N Kapoor, M G K Ibblewhite, R J Law, E T Libbey, A W Mont, S S O'Leary, D Patel, D P Piplani, C G Camsay, G Read, A Shaw, B M Smith, A P F Turner, P M Williams.

Lecture The Royal Society
Professor Robert Young, of
Manchester University and UMIST,
delivered the Royal Society Zeneca
Lecture to the society at 6 Carlton
House Tarrage vesterious Sir Agent

House Terrace yesterday. Sir Aaron Klug. OM, president, was in the chair.

John Durston, of Hutton, Brent-

wood, Essex, left estate valued at £526,579 net. William Hallam Ward, of Wat-

Latest wills

ford, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at E612,129 net.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Arthur Phillip, founder of penal colony at Sydney, New South Wales, London, 1738; James Barry, historical painter, Cork, 1741; Joseph Gillot, pioneer of the steel pen. Sheffield, 1799; John Thudeus Delane, Editor of The Times 1841-1877. London, 1817. Sir George Wil. Delane, Editor of The Times 1841-1877. London, 1817: Sir George Wil-liams, founder of the YMCA. Dulverton. Somerset, 1821: Henry John Heinz, food manufacturer, Pits-burgh, Pennsylvania, 1844: Sir Ber-nard Partridge, artist and cartoonist, London, 1861: 1881: François Mauriac, novelist, Nobel laureate 1952. Bov-deaux. 1885.

deaux, 1885. DEATHS: Huldreich Zwingli, Swiss reformer, killed in battle, Kappel, Switzerland, 1531; Sir Thomas Wyatt the Elder, poet, Sherborne, Dorset, 1542; Samuel Wesley, musician. London, 1837: James Joule, physicist. Sale, Cheshire, 1889; Anton Bruckner. composer. Vienna, 1896; Henry Broadhurst, trades unionist, Cromer. 1911; Jean Fabre, entomolegist. Serignan-du-Comtat, 1915; (1916) Marx, actor, Hollywood, 1961; Jean Cocteau, poet, painter, actor and film director. Milly-la-Foret, 1963: Edith Pial, singer, Paris, 1963; Stanley Morison, typographer and historian

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to Sanah and Kewin, a son, Thomas Daniel, a brother for James. A grandson for Pam and Ron. BRADLEY - On October 3rd 1996, at Whision Hospital, to Annumatic fide Bhockhall) and Paul twin Gaughters, Lauren Marie and Caitlin Buth. GAPLAN - On October 9th 1996, at St Mary's, Paddington, to Franceska (ace Krajczewska) and Gregory, a beautiful son, Theodore Jon Abraham. CARNESSE - On October 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Wandy (ace Gayler) and Andrew, a treasured son, Charles Scanley, a hother for Katie.	MARTIM - On October 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Susan Reartin and Shawn, a beautiful daughter, Emma Rosa. POLAK - On 5th September 1996, to Sally (mée Holtom-jones) and David, a son, Predenick James, a brother for Tom and Harry. BIDLEY - On 23rd September, to jackle and julium, a son, James Alexander, a brother for Charlotte. WARE-AUSTIM See Khipatrick. WHAYELEY - On 7th October 1996, to Diane (nie Godfrey)	BOVLE - Denis sadiy died on 2nd October 1996. He will be greatly missed by his wife Surah and christopher. Funeral Service at St Mary the Vingin, baryon Secuchamp, 2 pm on Monday 14th October. Family flowers only please. Trees can be planted in his memory by arrangament with the Woodland Trust, the Autumn Park, Dysart, Grantham GN31 6LL. All enquiries to Funeral Directors LY. Green, 29 Cambridge Street, Aylesbury, (01296) 82041.	Inte John, and of Charles and Bruce, and mother-in-law, grandmother; and great-grandmother; also fondly remembered by her wider immly and friends. Private Cremation; followed by Service of Thumbagiring at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Aldeburgh, at 12.30pm on Friday, 18th October. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to the INUL of Ell. Button & Sons, 24 St. John's Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1EB. (Tel: 01394 382160).	service of Alice's Hi Bristol (Green o October black, () Canon's a private Donatio welcom: Marrow Bristol I Skrt Chill Son, Fu 381 Gion RS7 87 enquirie addresse 4039.

SEAACE - Beryl (née Pugha).
On 8th October, peacefully in bospital, aged 82. Wife of the late Glyan leases, much loved by family: David, Margaras, Peggy, Dave, Toby, Emily, Rm and John. Pimental 15th October at 2 pm at 8t John's Greenkill, Harrow, Enquiries: Element (0181) 866-0324. 6th October, Joannie beloved wife to Sybout and friend and confidents to two

LARE - Christopher Baillie, very peacefully at Heath End Barn on 7th October 1996. A vervice to existrate this very special man will be held at Checkendon Farish Church, Oxon, at 11.00am on Treedry 18th October. No flowers please. All donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund through Townslin & Son, 38 Reading Road, Benier-om-Thumes. (01491)

RSADER HARRIS - Dame Diama, D.B.L., on 7th October, 1996 peacefully at home in Salisbury, aged 83 years. Dearly leved by her family Sae, June, Joanna, Christopher, Michael, Smah and their families and her many friends would wide. Faming Service at Salisbury Cathedral at 12 noon Thursday October 17th, 1996. All are welcome. Followed by a private commetion inter. A Memorial Service will be held in Sherbound Abbry at a drift to be sanounced. Family flowers only, donations for Church Missionary Society and/or Christian Aid, Col IVI. Newson Ltd., Griffin Blouss, 55 Winchester Street, Selisbury, Wilts. SP1 1HL. OMENY - Alice Louise, 10, died pesceruity in this of her parents, and Solange, in the hours of Wednesday betober 1996. Our it Alice touched so hearts and fought her can't with such to over the last year happy memories will the profoundest loss or the profoundest loss of the loss of iona would be
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Pacidands - Joe, on October Sth, peacefully after a short fillness, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton. Beloved husband of Frances, he will be sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues. Funeral on Thursday 17th October 1996 at Putney Vale Crematorium at 2 pm. Enquirles to Mears and Crematorium at 2 pm.
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Michardens - Nicholas John Mark, born 27th May 1936, died 9th October 1996. Dearly level son of the late Harry and Senan Richarden, heother of Judith, Catherine and David. Dearly loved friend of Birs Stenfert Kroese, Feneral private. Donations to Cancer Emparch.

SHIPTON - Marion Mary, widow of Berde Shipton, on October 10th at the Foscota Nursing Home, aged 85; Memorial Service at St Martin's, Shatford, 2 pm Wednesday October 23rd. SHUGH - On October 8th, at St George's Hospital, Tooting Doris, aged 91, widow of Joseph and mother of Jos. passed away after a hyavely borne Umass.

Christopher, darling hesband of Monica and beloved isther of Anthony, Nicholas and Alain, died Nicholas and Alain, died peacefully at home is Kintbury on Thursday morning 10th October. Genety loved and respected by all his large family and many kiends. The funeral service will be held at St Mary's. Kintbury at 12 30pm on Fidny 18th October, and a Service of Thunksgiving, to be held in the Ciry, will be atmousced later. Enquiries to Camp Hopson & Co., Newbury.

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of Amarew and Science of In and Samh, Punezal Service at St Mary's Church, Shaw-cumboanington, on Monday October 14th at 11.30 am. Horsi tributes may be sent to Camp Hopson Funezal Directors, Northbrook Street,

LEWIS - Ernest Michael Roy, on October 9th 1996, aged 82. Father of Mirands and Elizabeth. Memorial Service November 1st 1996 at St Mary Magdaleme, Richnsond. Family flowers only. IN MEMORIAM -

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HYDE - Yvotte Mayeni. Treasured memories of a loved and loving wife, daughter and friend, who died lith October 1993, aged 38. ELP. from her husband, Larry. TELMAN - Alan George, born 26th May 1943, died 11th October 1977.

WALTER - Simon Christopher, 5th January 1974 - 13th October 1995, "go well little brother".

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DOVE - On 21st Sentember DOWE - On 21st September 1996, at Barnstaple, to Shirley (née Mew) and

HASERSHON - On 10th October, to Flona (néc Szowball) and Mark, a daughter, Constance Grace, a sister for Guy. HEWITT - On 24th Sep a trotten for Alexander. JORDAM - On 1st October 1996, to Zillah (née Brown) and Louis, a daughter, Phoebe Anne, a sister for Ethan. Deo Gratias. WIGTEHOUSE - On Oct resusersous - On October 10th 1996, to Caroline (née Sergeant) and Simon, a daughter, Sophie Ethabeth

MARRIAGES THAMFALD:MALET CAHTERET - On Saturday October 5th 1996 at the Chapel of 5t Anne, 5t Onen's Manot, Jensey - Manfred and Elizabeth.

DEATHS REMJAMIN - Michael, died pacarally at his home in Languages on October 10th 1996. triend and confidents to two
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DAVIES - On 7th October, Sobert Rugh, suddenly at home, much loved hashand of Sophis and father of William and Charlotte. Cremation at Tumbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday 17th October at 12 noon. No flowers please, if desired donations to the British Heart Foundation.

PARICER - Bonald William CRE
CA at Mutrayfield Rospital,
Edinburgh, on Wednesday
9th October 1976, at the age
of 87, Bonald William Pathar
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foving hephand of Phyllis
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Rick and grandfather of
Alex, Flone, James, Sarah and
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will be held at Mextonhall
Cassilla. A funeral service
will be held at Mextonhall
Cassilla and Tangel,
Himburgh on Thursday 17th
October at 11 am to which

AUTOPES - Donald Robin Sigmaicki. At home, in peace, surrounded by Barbette and his children. introtte and his children, Alexander, Frances and Hago. Loved and remembered by all who knew him, especially Dominic and Bocky. The funcal will take place on Thursday 17th October, Span at the Church of the Holy Cross, Seard, near Devime, Willighten No wreaths please, just white Illies. Florial (01255) 422064.

Wilson - On October 7th 1996, peacefully at her home, Vern Hanche, aged 86 years, wife of the late Andrew Jar Wilson, mother of Andrew and Susan, grandmother of lan and Samh, Pemeral Service at St.

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VICE-ADMIRAL SIR HUGH MACKENZIE

Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Mackenzie, KCB, DSO and Bar. DSC, the first Chief Polaris Executive. 1963-68, died on October 9 aged 83. He was born on July 3, 1913.

hatever history's ultimate verdict on the Cold War. there is little doubt that the cohesion of Nato, the political standing of the United Kingdom and the deterrence of conflict in Europe were made more ro-bust by British ballistic missile submarines. The continuing operational effectiveness of the submarine-borne nuclear deterrent is a lasting tribute to "Rufus" Mackenzie

Mackenzie's career as a symmetriner encompassed an exprinonal war record. After the war he rose to the senior post of his profession and, finally, to highly effective leadership of the project to create a British submarine-borne nuclear deterrent based on the American Polaris missile.

Mackenzie was assigned to manage the Polaris project on Boxing Day 1962, following the Nassau meeting between Harold Macmillan and President Kennedy at which it was agreed that Britain would be supplied with Polaris in place of the cancelled Skybolt air-tosurface missile. Less than six years later, in July 1968, the Royal Navv assumed responsibility for the deterrent as Resolution, the first ballistic missile submarine, arrived in its patrol area.

Between these two dates, as Chief Polaris Executive (CPE). Mackenzie had to set up management systems, and then control a project of novel sia cost and complexity - one which did not rest easily among the established equipment procurement structures. Although a high priority was given to the work, the national resources available were slender, and experienced person-

nel in short supply.

Technical challenges also abounded. The Polaris system relied on a weapon of previously unimaginable range being fired from a nuclearsubmarine that

would be able to remain underwater and at depth and thus practically invulnerable to surface vessels — for the entire duration of its patrol, which could be a month or more. In addition to building a class of sophisticated new submarines the size of cruisers, Britain was to manufacture its own warheads and re-entry vehicles (the "nose-cone"): meanwhile, the selected A3 version of Polaris, with a

late stage of development. While some of the supple mentary projects fell outside CPE's direct remit, Mackenzie had to maintain overall coordination. The vitally important relationship with the US Navy was helped by the mutual respect that built up between Mackenzie and his American opposite number ~ both were submarine officers. with wartime careers of comparable distinction.

Mackenzie was also responsible for relations with organisations such as Vickers and Rolls-Royce, and he saw himself as the project's voice at ministerial and Admiralty Board level in Whitehall. He also had to deal with all those who leared that the proper business of the Royal Navy would be damaged by this expensive irrelevancy.

Mackenzie took a strongly positive approach to management, and he imported a battery of innovative management techniques. As a result, he achieved the singular feat of bringing a major postwar defence project home on time and within budget. Hugh Stirling Mackenzie

joined the Royal Navy at Dartmouth in 1927 at the age of 14, qualifying as a submari-ner in 1935. In 1941 he passed the commanding officers' selection course and took command of the submarine Thrasher, which soon became one of the more successful members of the famous Tclass in the submarine flotillas based in the Mediterranean. Thirteen of these submarines were sunk, nearly half of those that operated there.

Mackenzie, known as "Rufus" or the Red Mackenzie (to differentiate him from Lieu-



tenant A. J. Mackenzie - the "Black" - who was lost off Capri in December 1942), had his own narrow escapes. In February 1942, after the submarine had sunk a supply ship, the subsequent counterattack left two unexploded bombs trapped in Thrasher's upper deck casing structure. With the submarine on the surface and liable to have to dive hurriedly at any moment. one of these bombs required Lieutenant P. W. Roberts, the First Lieutenant, and Petty Officer T. W. Gould, the cox-

swain, to crawl some way inside the casing to free it. For their bravery, both were awarded the Victoria Cross.

In July 1942 Thrasher was attacked while in a submarine sanctuary area off Port Said by a friendly Swordfish aircraft which dropped four 250lb depth-charges. Although very badly damaged. Thrasher was saved by its sturdy construction and skilled handling, and just managed to make it back

At one point Thrasher's Jolly Roger flag, traditionally

flown from perisicope standards on return from a patrol, sported the insignia for 11 sinkings by torpedo and seven by gunfire. Important targets were petrol carriers for Rommel's Afrika Korps. For his contribution to the campaign Mackenzie was awarded the DSO in 1942 and a bar in 1943.

Mackenzie's next command was the new submarine Tantalus. Initially based at Freemantle in Australia, he was noted for making the two longest patrols of the war by a British submarine, much of them in the dangerous waters north of the Malay barrier. He was awarded the DSC in 1945.

As he later explained, "We had to go into heavily patrolled waters to do any good at all. We knew there were mines, and as time went on the Axis powers became better and better at their anti-submarine methods and we were up against some pretty good opposition." A modest man, he was admired and respected by all who served with him for his patience and coolness in the face of danger.

After the war, Mackenzie was promoted commander in 1946 and for two years occupied the post of "teacher". responsible for running the submarine commanding officers' qualifying course (known as the "perisher"). After a tour as second-in-command of the cruiser Liverpool, he was promoted captain and commanded a destroyer squadron, a research establishment and a shore training school. For two years from 1956 he held the important post of Chief Staff Officer to the Flag Officer Submarines.

Promoted rear-admiral in July 1961. Mackenzie was ap-pointed Flag Officer Submarines during a testing time for the submarine service as it absorbed the new technology and operating skills required for nuclear-propelled attack submarines. He was appointed CB in 1963 and KCB in 1966, retiring as a vice-admiral in 1968.

In retirement he was chairman of the Navy League until 1974 and director, then chairman, of the Atlantic Salmon Trust until 1983.

On August 28 this year Mackenzie attended a ceremony at the Faslane base to mark the decommissioning of HMS Repulse, the last of the Polariscarrying Resolution class of submarines, the deterrent now being maintained by Vanguard class submarines with Trident missiles. He could thus claim to have seen the Polaris project through from start to finish.

He is survived by his wife Helen, whom he married in 1946, and by their son and two

TONY PARKER

Tony Parker, oral historian, died on October 3 aged 73. He was born on June 25,

TONY PARKER'S ears were once described as "a national treasure". As an interviewer he saw it as his task to be quietly attentive, to record without comment or judg-ment. He was simply a blackboard for people to write on, he said. The impact of his interviews rested on the immediacy of recorded speech and it was this which made Parker the greatest oral historian of our day.

In the published transcripts of his interviews, Parker ex-posed readers to the lives of people they might otherwise have shunned. He penetrated the often violent and hostile worlds of convicted murderers and IRA terrorists, of striking miners and sex offenders. He portrayed the richness of marginalised lives, exploring the worlds of lighthouse keepers and the inhabitants of a small Kansas town, of the residents of a South London housing estate and Americans on Death Row.

Tony Parker's own upbringing was in an environment remote from those he was later to portray. He was born in Manchester into a comfortable, middle-class background. Though his mother died when he was only four years old, he was so doted upon by his father and elder sisters that he at times felt suffocated, and he would later recall his childhood with a certain unease.

Having completed his secondary education at Stockport Grammar School, he escaped to London, beginning a career as a poet and playwright with staged readings of his work on Sunday nights. He read voraciously too, including the works of Huxley and Wilfred Owen, It was probably under the influence of these writers that, when at the age of 18 he was called up, he declared himself a conscientious objector and, persuading a hostile tribunal of his convictions. was exempted from military

Parker was sent to work in the coalmines instead. The long hours spent down stifling shafts were a sharp contrast to his cosseted earlier life, but in his 18 months there he learnt to respect the views of those and was confirmed in his socialist beliefs.

service.

An injury put an end to this work but Parker, with a wife and child to support, could not return to his life as a writer immediately and instead took a post as a publisher's representative. It was to be his first and last conventional job. Reading about the Craig and Bentley case in which a mentally subnormal adolescent was hanged for a murder he did not commit. Parker became a campaigner against capital punishment and a

prison visitor. After a chance encounter with a BBC radio producer, he was invited to make a programme based on an interview with one of the most difficult convicts whom he visited. It was powerfully direct, the subject encouraged to state his case with a frankness unencumbered by intervention or outside commentary.

This style was to form the basis for Parker's ensuing work as a writer. After the text of this first interview was reproduced in The Listener, a flood of work followed. His first book, The Courage of His Convictions (1962), was based on tape recorded interviews with a recidivist criminal with multiple convictions for robbery and violence. it painted a remarkable picture of an intelligent and well-read man who had no intention of ever "going straight" and no wish to reform. It was typical of Parker that he insisted the subject should be included as a joint author.

Parker would - somewhat misleadingly - claim that he had "no personality". But beneath his controlled exterior, a passionate resentment of the inequality and unfairness of modern society flared. His interests and sympathies lay chiefly with the underdog or the outsider. But his range was wide. Soldier, Soldier (1985) is a portrait of military life including, even, an interview with a general. Parker also aimed to give a balanced view. In May the Lord in His Mercy be Kind to Belfast (1993) he included interviews with terrorists on both sides of the divide, as well as contributions from priests, housewives, teachers and the Army.

a ioint author.

Alert to the drama and interest of everyday life, Parker would spend up to 15 hours - spread over several weeks - with his subjects. listening with patience and sympathy, allowing characters gradually to unfold through repetitions, evasions and hesitation. Several of his interviewees became friends. He rarely found anyone's company tedious, but enjoyed the "perpetual surprises" of 14 30 Back

what they had to say. Parker shied away from passing judgment and formu-lating theories on what he heard. "There are so many theories," he used to say. Childhood deprivation, alcohol, the double-Y chromosome". He was sure that in 400 years people would look back on our current maps of human behaviour and find them as ludicrous as the old 15th-century maps of naviga-tors who thought Africa was where America is.

Yet though Parker was perceived as having a basically "Christian" approach to his subjects, he himself was not perception. Though brought up in a fairly traditionally religious way, with weekly visits to Sunday school, he described himself later as an agnostic and ultimately as an atheist. He was content, he said, to be in a state of "invincible ignorance". He even - as, for example, when he was writing about Northern Ireland - found this condition to be an advantage.

Parker wrote several television plays based on material gathered in interviews. Many were broadcast on the BBC's pithily realistic Play for Today series, among them Five Women, about female prisoners, and A Chariot of Fire. about a child molester.

Parker was twice married. He leaves a widow, Margery. a former social worker, who used to help him in the task of transcribing taped interviews longhand. He is also survived by five children.

ALAN DOWNES



Alan Downes with Prince Charles and Prince William in 1984

Alan Downes, ITN cameraman, died on October 9 of cancer aged 58. He was born in Enfield on September 6.

ALAN DOWNES was a teleattack on a village.

enced by television, then this was one of the moments that brought its reality home to millions. Downes's was the

vision cameraman who catalogued the world's woes in a brave, determined yet compassionate way for more than 30 years. One moment defines his craft - the pictures of Kim Phue, the little girl running down the road in Vietnam after an American napalm

If Vietnam was the first war where the outcome was influ-

seovence. An American network, whose cameraman was standing next to Downes. edited out the close-ups of the girl because they were thought too disturbing for an American audience.

Downes's sound man that day, Tom Phillips, tells how they first thought the dark marks on the girl were the burnt rags of what had been her clothes. Then they realised it was the effects of napalm on her skin. Downes felt that the journalists handling the story were too interested in the mechanics of the attack. whereas he sensed the lasting

power of the image itself. The impact of the sequence on public opinion around the world was shared with the still

only version of the whole version by an agency photog- paratroop drop. Nicholson noticed despite being there ranher. But one of Alan's other famous sequences was undeniably exclusive.

When a Greek Cypriot coup in Cyprus in 1974 provoked a Turkish invasion, the media expected a seaborne landing on the northern coast of the island. A convoy of press cars set out from Nicosia, but on the way the car carrying Downes and the reporter Michael Nicholson broke down on the road to the coast.

The reaction among their competitors was great amusement - BBC teams poked namicular fun. But the reward for the indignity of Downes and Nicholson came after all the cars had passed by, when suddenly the skies above them were filled with a Turkish

began to deliver a camera describing the scene around them, but interrupted himself to point to the first soldier to land. "Over there, Alan", he shouted to the camera. It was a rare but appropriate on-air namecheck. Downes filmed as Nicholson walked up to the Turkish soldiers as they landed; he shook hands with some of them and said: "Welcome to Cyprus."

Alan Downes's career began in the post-room at the start of ITN in 1955. As a messenger Downes met the cameramen who had joined from the newsreels, and heard their stories of life on the road. He learnt to use a camera while doing National Service, and then returned to ITN as a fully fledged cameraman. He went on to film conflict

around the world - Angola,

Afghanistan, El Salvador, Eri-

trea, Biafra, the Iran-Iraq war and, with sad frequency, Northern Ireland. These trips won him awards and acclaim. But he also enjoyed a wider range of work. For instance, he spent a year working on a 1984 documentary on the Prince and Princess of Wales (In Private, In Public), where the remarkable access the programme-makers were given relied on winning the confidence of all those involved. Downes's professionalism was instrumental in putting everyone at their ease. He passed the test of all great cameramen in winning his colleagues' trust - his rushes

always revealed that he had

seen and recorded a lot of

details that nobody else had

On one royal shoot, howev-

er, he was unable to remain unobtrusive and himself became the centre of attention. At an official photocall for the young Prince William, Prince Charles brought his son forward so that he could hold a television camera for himself; the cameraman he turned the tables on was Alan Downes. Because he was so experienced and widely-travelled,

the chances were that whenever a young producer or reporter went out on a story with him, Downes had been there before, often to do a similar story. He used this experience to nurse many reporters, such as Jon Snow, through their first days. Anyone stuck in a foxhole with him could rely on Downes to get them out of it alive. And, when the team got back to base, the chances were that Downes had eaten before at the best local restaurant and knew the wine list. He would probably have his vintage chart with him anyway, just in

He retired from ITN in 1991. For the previous four years he had been the company's chief

cameraman. During the last few months, when the effects of a brain tumour had confined him first to hospital in London and then to a Hertfordshire hospice, his visitors included many of the most familiar faces of 40 years of British television news. They came to pay their respects to a man whose work has become part of television history.

His wife, Sheila, and their two children survive him.



DR VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

The music of Ralph Vaughan Williams is everywhere acclaimed as the authentic voice of Britain. At one time its closeness to the soil won it the derisive appellation of parish-pump music. After that misjudgement had been smothered by the growing tale of adventurous works it was labelled "folky". which when applied to Czechs and Hungarians is a term of commendation but is used perjoratively of English music.

It is true that Vaughan Williams is a self-confessed nationalist, and his use of national folk-song as the instrument of emancipation from the Central European hegemony, which had become oppressive in all the countries on the periphery of Europe, was but a late example of what had happened a generation earlier elsewhere.

But to him nationalism is not an end in itself: rather a means of contributing something vital to the pool of European culture. His successful revolt from servitude to German models at one

ON THIS DAY

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This article, on the eve of the composer's eightieth birthday, paid tribute not only to past achievement but to his unaiminished powers. A new work, Symphonia Antarctica, was expected in the new year.

stroke removed the necessity for a nationalist school of composition. Vaughan Williams has thus a place in history as our chief emancipator.

By 1935, when he startled everyone with the violence of his fourth symphony, he was recognized by the critics who came at the invitation of the British Council from most of the countries of Europe as the embodiment of a challenging and distinctively English voice in European music. Happy is the man who lives long enough to look back on the

accomplishment of the work he set out, or was fated, to do and to see its fruits being harvested. Happier still is he who in age finds his creative powers undiminished, whose radical mind is still unblunted and whose prophetic vision can still bring new revelations of truth. The title of the cantata with which he

first made himself known was Towards the Unknown Region. Now almost fifty years later he still surprises us all by his explorations into unknown regions. Thus the traditionalist who turned back to his country's folk-song and to other music of its past in order to discover his own style and idiom is also the modernist who is cited by the historian as a revolutionary technician, who beats the wild experimental men on their own ground. The composer who lives in no ivory tower but looks to the world about him for inspiration is also the prophet who sets apocalyptic words and in his seven symphonies distils into significant sound the essence of the place in which he dwells - Britain's sea, its metropolis, its countryside, its wars and its peace.

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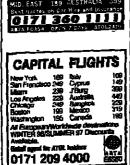
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John Major will today underline his commitment to the health service with a £5 billion "guarantee" to increase spending in each of the next five years if the Conservatives win the election. The promise of real-term growth will be contained in the Conservative election manifesto...

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Five teenagers from across Northern Ireland's sectarian divide have issued a powerful public plea for peace in the province in the centre of Cologne following and urged the IRA to abandon its Sir Terence Conran's venture in terrorist campaignPage 2 Hamburg ...

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Doctors appealed for contacts of a Nigerian student believed to have died from rabies to come forward for vaccination. Nurses and known friends have already been

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Russia's security chief, General Aleksandr Lebed, surged ahead of his rivals in two opinion polls which showed that he would win the presidency if elections were

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The Taleban Islamic militia fought off attacks by forces of the ousted Afghan Government on two key towns north of Page 16

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Bob Dole confirmed that Colin Powell, America's favourite public figure, would be "one of our in their legs compared with those stars in the new administration" Page 17

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A man needed eight stitches in his arm after being attacked by a pike while swimming in the Cherwell. Stephen Rees scared the 4ft long fish away by shouting. Mr Rees, a keen angler, said: "The blood was pouring from my arm and the water was going red." He is seeking revenge with rod and line but so far his attacker has eluded him ...



Norma Major on the seafront at Bournemouth yesterday with two local bakers' sons, Jamie Bennett, left, and his cousin Daniel, after they had presented her with a basket of bread to mark this year's Bread for Life festival

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it all up and run away to sea?

Giles Coren meets six young people

Valerie Grove only just manages to

talk to James Mirrlees, the elusive

Cambridge University professor

Animal doctor: Qualifying as a vet is extremely hard work. A new BBCI series, Vets School, looks at seven students in their final year of training..

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Kenneth Clarke set far-reaching goals for the next Parliament which he described as "guiding stars", but with no timetable, He deserved his applause, if only for his realism ...

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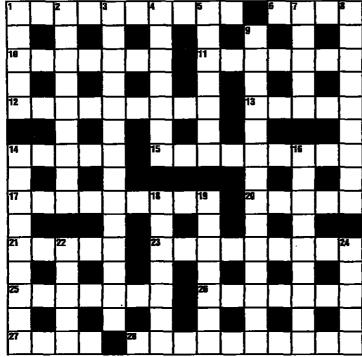
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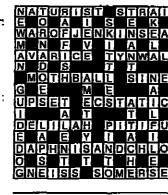
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- 25 Bird and insect endlessly trying to get even (7).

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North and West.

London, E Anglie, Central N, E England, Midlands, S Wales: any mistiness quickly clearing. Dry, bright with sunny periods. Winds becoming brisk southerly. Warm. Max 16C (61F).

SE England, Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England: bright with sunny periods, mostly dry. Wind moderale. Warm. Max 16C (61F).

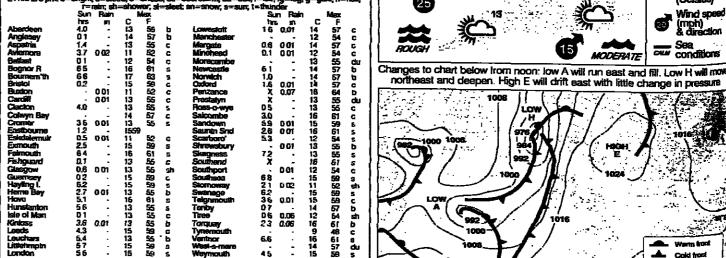
☐ N Wales, NW England, Lake Dis-trict, Isle of Man, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scottand: cloudy but bright morning. Rain will spread from the North West by atternoon. Wind increasing to fresh or strong southerly later in day. Mild. Max 15C (59F).

Firth, Argyll, N Ireland: rather cloudy, rain spreading from west, heavy in places

(57F).

NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: overcast with outbreaks of heavy rain. Becoming brighter and showery later. Winds strong to gate, south then southwest. Stormy. Mild. Max 13C (55F). Outlook mainly settled in the South and East. Cloud and rain in many other

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